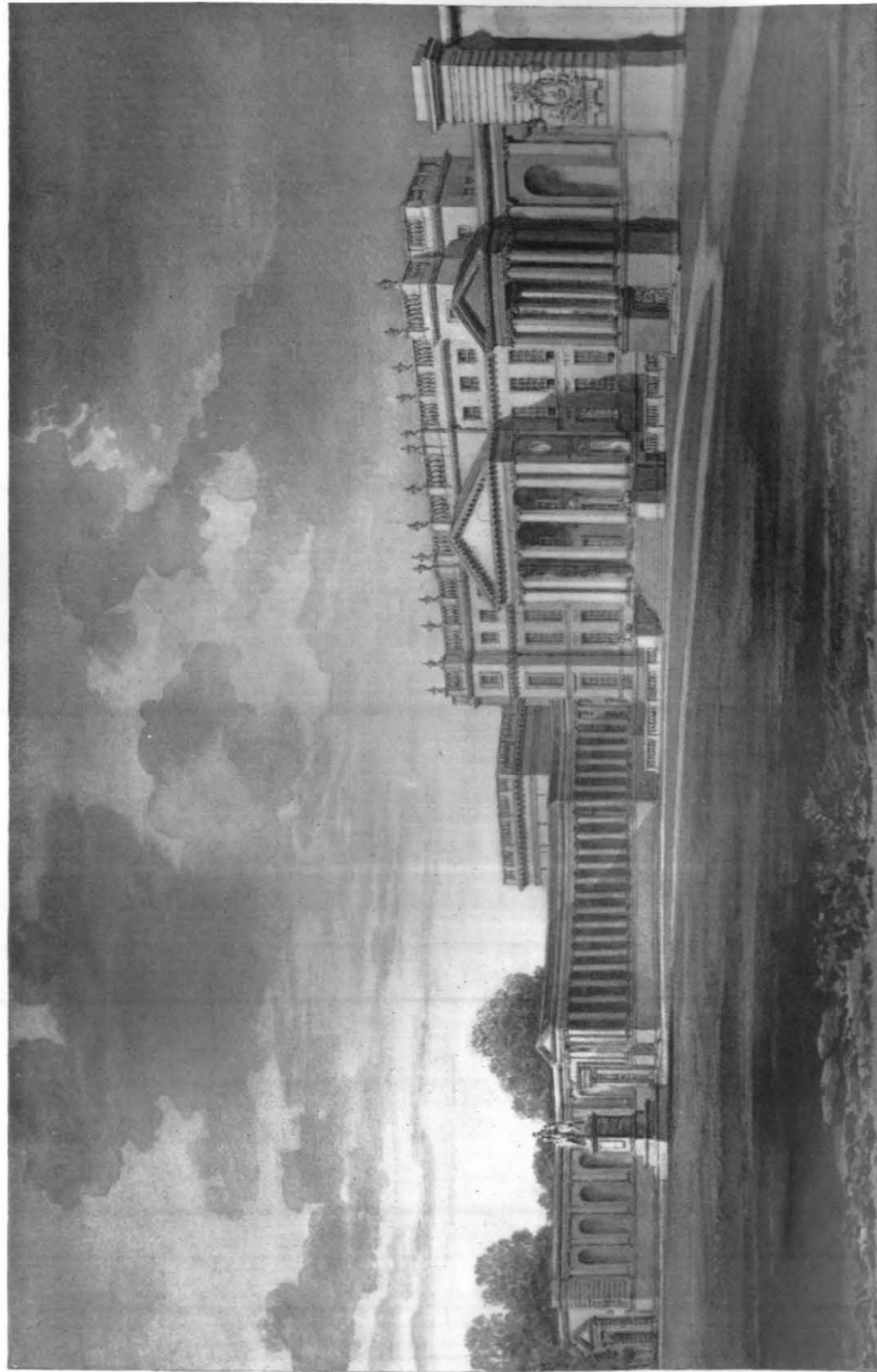


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THE UNBROKEN RING

WHEN the electric bell sounds in unbroken spell, that is the way we tell that we are needed. Be we at work or play, all hours of night and day, swift we must dash away, all else unheeded. Onto the roof we go, in sunshine, rain or snow, searching both high and low, 'mid lath and plaster, lest by unhappy fate fire-bombs descend in spate which, if we act too late, may cause disaster. Then buckets three or four, with stirrup-pumps galore, sponges and ropes and more impedimenta, such as long-handled spades, we trundle out as aids, should we get news of raids from Report Centre. Ours is to spend our days practising countless ways how to prevent a blaze harming you blighters. Such speed as on the track you show at pistol's crack we too must never lack, active Fire-Fighters.

DECORATIONS

The following awards have been won by Old Stoics in addition to the twenty-one already listed.

M.C.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT J. P. FANE (B, 1939), The Gloucestershire Regt., in December 1940.

BAR TO D.F.C.

ACTING FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT J. C. DUNDAS, D.F.C., (C, 1933), A.A.F., in December.

D.F.C.

SQUADRON-LEADER J. M. N. PIKE (C, 1934), R.A.F., in February 1941.

"In five days this officer carried out long-distance flights and low-flying machine-gun attacks against two enemy aerodromes in the Middle East and was responsible for the confirmed destruction of eight enemy aircraft. On one occasion he arrived over an aerodrome and three enemy fighters, which were taking off, intercepted him. He immediately dived on the leading aircraft, put it out of action, and before either of the remaining fighters could engage him he attacked four S.79s on the ground, one of which caught fire. By skilfully manoeuvring he then enabled his air gunner to disable one of the fighters, probably shooting it down. He followed this by low-flying attacks on several S.79s which were still on the ground and, before he was driven off, he had set fire to four S.79s and damaged three others and one fighter. On another raid this officer set fire to four enemy bombers, photographed the result, and returned to his base by night." (*The Times*.)

FLYING-OFFICER G. L. CHESHIRE, D.S.O., (C, 1935), R.A.F.V.R., in March 1941.

The sun that dawned on oriental skies
Sank in a crimson lake of flaming gore
With clouds around like murderous steel. I saw
The sea resplendent as a paradise,
I heard the sea-mew's shrill complaining cries,
The lapping of the water on the shore—
Nature was calm. And far away was War,
With blood and sweat and human agonies—
Nor yet so far. Why must men hate and kill,
When all was lovely that could here be seen
Or heard? Peace was supreme. I said "I will
Shut from my ears and from my eyes I'll screen
Discordant, warlike sights and sounds!" But still
I heard far off a Dornier Seventeen.

C.R.P.A.

STOICA

School Officials—Christmas Term, 1941.

Prefects:—A. D. Thomson (C), Head of the School; D. C. Lloyd (C); P. R. Clay (C), Prefect of Chapel; P. G. Henderson (W), Prefect of Gymnasium; J. A. McDonald (C), Prefect of Library; J. D. R. Hayward (G); G. McC. Corbett (B); J. F. Nye (C); R. B. Higham (T); I. J. H. Lewisohn (C); R. C. H. Collier (B); E. P. Hickling (C).

The following visitors have preached in Chapel this term:—

Sunday, February 2nd. The Rev. R. Perfect, Headmaster of St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate.
Sunday, February 16th. The Rev. R. G. Corbet-Milward (C, 1929), Succentor of Southwark Cathedral.
Sunday, March 16th. The Rev. J. P. Thornton-Duesbery, Master of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford.

BIRTH.—On August 3rd, 1940, to the wife of Mr. I. M. Cross, a daughter.

BIRTH.—On July 2nd, 1940, to the wife of Mr. P. K. Bourne, a daughter.

BIRTH.—On December 19th, 1940, to the wife of Mr. A. A. Negus, a daughter.

A. D. Thomson (C) played for the Rest of England Public Schools against the Home Counties Public Schools at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on December 26th, 1940. Thomson scored the Rest's only try.

The following have spoken at the Voluntary Service on Monday evening:—

Monday, March 3rd. Brother Douglas (of the Fraternity of St. Francis at Cerne Abbas).
Monday, March 17th. The Rev. A. B. Lloyd (formerly Archdeacon of Uganda).

Mr. A. A. Dams and the Rev. B. C. Gough joined the Staff at the beginning of this term.

Owing to the scarcity of new submissions, one or two photographs of general interest have been re-printed from earlier numbers of *The Stoic*.

At the end of last term, Colts Stockings were awarded to J. deB. Shrosbree (C) and R. T. F. Larsen (G).

School Colours for Cross-Country have been awarded to A. G. Jessiman (B), P. C. Holden (B), R. H. Hawkins (C), R. D. Lightfoot (W) and M. H. A. Robinson (W).

School Colours for Athletics have been awarded to A. D. Thomson (C), I. M. Horley (C) and P. C. Holden (B).

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following University Scholarships were won in December :—

- P. S. ANSTEY (C) was awarded an Open Scholarship in Classics at Oriel College, Oxford.
 C. W. NEWTON (G) was awarded an Open Scholarship in History at Christ Church, Oxford.
 R. J. ELLISON (T) was awarded an Open Scholarship in History at St. John's College, Cambridge.
 R. A. D. OLIVER (C) was awarded an Open Scholarship in History at King's College, Cambridge.
 J. O. OUTWATER (C) was awarded an Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge.
 J. F. NYE (C) was awarded an Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics at King's College, Cambridge.
 THE HON. W. HILTON-YOUNG (W) was awarded an Open Exhibition in History at Trinity College, Cambridge.
 J. E. RICHARDSON (C) was awarded an Open Exhibition in History at Jesus College, Cambridge.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.

The following gained School Certificates at the Examination held by the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board in December 1940 :—

- B. R. Armstrong (W), P. R. A. H. Billinge (C), J. M. Black (C), G. A. Callender (C), J. F. St. J. Craigen (C), J. S. Dawes (B), R. N. Harding (B), R. H. Hawkins (C), T. G. Heron (B), R. E. Hodgkin (C), G. D. Innes-Lillingston (C), G. M. Kennedy (C), T. J. S. Kingan (T), W. L. S. Knox-Gore (C), P. A. Latham (T), M. E. F. Law (C), R. D. Lightfoot (W), G. P. Marshall (C), J. R. Robertson (B), J. F. L. Robinson (W), J. A. D. Rofé (G), A. J. H. Ruthven (C), N. E. Seely (T), P. H. H. Spencer-Cooper (T), J. B. Sumner (C), P. F. Szczen (G), A. S. Wheatland (G).

OLIM ALUMNI

GENERAL

MR. G. L. S. GRIFFITH-JONES, R.A.F. (C, 1929) has been promoted Wing-Commander. This is the highest rank yet attained by an Old Stoic.

ATHLETIC

MR. B. J. G. KAYE (G, 1938) represented Oxford against Cambridge in the inter-University Eton Fives match played at Oxford in February.

MR. P. R. H. HASTINGS (T, 1939) played Rugby Football for the Welsh Army at Richmond on March 15th.

MR. J. M. THOMSON (C, 1939) once again won the Hundred Yards for Cambridge against Oxford University in the match held at Oxford in March.

MR. J. E. RICHARDSON (C, 1940) played Chess for Cambridge against Oxford (second board) and won his game. The match was played in March.

ENGAGEMENTS

SIR NOEL DRYDEN, Bart., (C, 1929) to Miss R. M. Scrope.

MAJOR C. M. HEATH, R.A.M.C., (C, 1929) to Miss M. Moxon.

SUB-LIEUTENANT A. R. AMBERTON, R.N.V.R., (C, 1934) to Miss M. Y. Harvey.

PILOT OFFICER THE HON. W. R. C. PARKER, R.A.F.V.R., (W, 1934) to Miss L. Glyn.

MR. C. C. PRESTON (C, 1936) to Miss P. H. Thwaites.

MARRIAGES

CAPTAIN C. B. PONSONBY, 10th Royal Hussars, (B, 1927) to Miss M. Bosanquet, on January 7th.

MR. S. G. MCCALLIN (C, 1927) to Miss J. Addison, on February 12th.

MR. J. FRAZER-JAMES, R.A.F.V.R., (C, 1928) to Miss V. S. Finch, on November 16th.

MAJOR D. N. DEAKIN, Royal Corps of Signals, (G, 1930) to Miss E. Gray, on March 22nd.

MR. S. M. E. FORBES (T, 1930) to Miss M. T. Sulikowska, on December 23rd.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT H. M. BALFOUR, R.N.V.R., (G, 1931) to Miss N. I. Hornell, on January 23rd.

CAPTAIN I. N. H. HOPE JOHNSTONE, The Royal Fusiliers, (C, 1931) to Miss D. Lloyd, on March 22nd.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT R. E. H. WARING, The Hampshire Regt., (C, 1933) to Miss H. M. Langford-Sainsbury, on February 10th.

DR. D. M. BAKER (G, 1933) to Miss B. Hunt, on July 1st.

LIEUTENANT A. W. TORRANCE, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, (G, 1933) to Miss I. M. Rankin, on December 28th.

CAPTAIN R. I. MACKINTOSH (G, 1934) to Miss B. Russell, on January 14th.

MR. M. H. FRANKLIN (T, 1934) to Miss S. M. Cooper, on December 7th.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT J. T. MCK. ANDERSON, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, (C, 1936) to Miss M. A. Goddard, on July 25th.

MR. J. P. T. DAWSON (C, 1938) to Miss J. Price, on June 17th. (In Canada.)

BIRTHS.

To the wife of Mr. G. M. CAVENDISH (C, 1927), a daughter, on February 16th.

To the wife of Mr. R. SLINGER (C, 1927), a daughter, on May 22nd, 1940.

To the wife of Mr. S. J. L. TAYLOR, M.D., M.R.C.P., (C, 1927), a son, on December 30th.

To the wife of Mr. B. C. GADNEY (G, 1928), a son, on January 20th.

To the wife of SECOND-LIEUTENANT A. C. GEDDES, M.C., R.A., (T, 1928), a daughter, on December 21st.

To the wife of Mr. K. D. MIALI (B, 1929), a son, on February 10th. (In Melbourne.)

To the wife of CAPTAIN M. L. GILBERT, R.H.A., (T, 1931), twin daughters, on February 12th.

To the wife of Mr. J. M. TURNER (G, 1932), a son, on November 2nd.

To the wife of LIEUTENANT M. WILDING, R.N.V.R., (G, 1934), a son, on February 6th.

To the wife of CAPTAIN D. B. DRYSDALE, R.M., (G, 1935), a son, on January 29th.

To the wife of Mr. G. C. MAXWELL, The Grenadier Guards, (G, 1936), a daughter, on February 2nd.

DEATH.

MR. R. W. BATE (C, 1929), in December.

CASUALTIES

KILLED

LIEUTENANT (ACTING CAPTAIN) L. H. A. THOMPSON, The Cameronians, (G, 1926). (Previously reported missing, now presumed killed.)

MAJOR (TEMPORARY) A. F. ASHBURNHAM, R.A.S.C., (C, 1928). (On Active Service, December 1940.)

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT D. E. C. TRENCH, R.A.F.V.R., (C, 1930). (On Active Service by enemy action while flying on duty, February 1941.)

ACTING FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT S. F. F. JOHNSON, R.A.F.V.R., (C, 1933). (On Active Service, as the result of air operations, in February 1941.)

PILOT OFFICER L. LEE PYMAN, R.A.F.V.R., (G, 1934). (On Active Service, in August 1940. Previously reported missing; now known to have been killed in action.)

LEADING-AIRCRAFTSMAN R. M. SPENCER, R.A.F.V.R., (W, 1938). (On Active Service in December 1940; killed flying.)

LEADING NAVAL AIRMAN R. J. MEAD (C, 1939). (Missing, presumed lost at sea by enemy action.)

WOUNDED

CAPTAIN K. P. P. GOLDSCHMIDT, The Leicestershire Regiment, (C, 1935). On December 10th.

FLYING-OFFICER R. G. A. BARCLAY, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., (B, 1938). In December.

PRISONERS OF WAR

MAJOR S. D. A. S. AYLMER (C, 1926).

SECOND-LIEUTENANT H. F. JACKSON, R.A., (C, 1928).

SECOND-LIEUTENANT THE HON. T. C. F. PRITTIE, The Rifle Brigade, (G, 1932).

JUNIOR TRAINING CORPS NOTES

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To *Senior Under-Officer*: Under-Officer J. E. Hodgkin (C).

To *Under-Officer*: Sergeants J. F. Nyc (C), A. D. Thomson (C), J. A. McDonald (C), R. C. Hurley (C), F. M. Frankenburg (C).

To *Sergeants*: Corporals D. C. Lloyd (C), I. J. H. Lewisohn (C), J. D. R. Hayward (G), R. F. Davis (T), N. W. Riley (B), R. H. Hawkins (C), B. N. Fletcher (C), J. F. L. Robinson (W), J. A. Hayward (S), P. R. Clay (S), E. P. Hickling (C).

To *Corporal*: Lance-Corporals R. H. Griffith (B), J. W. Cornforth (G), D. C. Wallace (C), M. H. Robinson (W), R. E. Wordley (C), R. H. Harding (B), I. A. Rumsey (G), D. A. Gordon (W), R. A. Soames (C).

Appointed *Lance-Corporal*: Cadets G. M. Bagshawe (G), J. P. Burman (S), G. A. Callender (C), A. P. de Pass (C), G. H. Johnson (C), A. B. Oliveira (C), M. B. Stevenson (S), J. W. Young (G), J. C. Fountaine (C), I. M. Horley (C), D. Walker (T), T. H. C. Lewis (C), J. S. Ramsay (T), R. J. Sutherland (W), I. A. Tippetts (W).

The formation of the Air Training Corps, based at Stowe on the Air Section of the J.T.C. which has been transferred bodily to the new organization, has meant a reduction in our strength of 72 cadets, and our total, including the 35 recruits this term, now stands at 247.

It is considered wise policy to require cadets to be holders of Certificate "A" before they become eligible for the A.T.C. In that this Certificate is taken in the fourth term after joining the J.T.C., this imposes little or no delay on potential Air Cadets and provides them with sufficient Army training and a valuable credential for an alternative service career.

The J.T.C. now has 102 holders of the Certificate. The March candidates have been working on a more extensive syllabus for what is to be known as War Certificate "A."

PRIZES

Best candidate for War Certificate "A" (March 1941):—A. D. Page (C).

Best Recruit (Christmas term 1940):—A. J. Manley (T).

TRAINING

Captain P. K. Bourne is in charge of Recruits during both their first and second terms. Their bearing and keenness are excellent. It has been fostered by setting them to emulate the demonstrations given them by a picked squad under Mr. Fawcett from the Senior Company. In the absence of Staff-Sergeant Wetherill, who has volunteered for service again with the Army, Senior Under-Officer Hodgkin has put this term's Recruits through their paces in Drill and Rifle Exercises.

The Platoon Commanders and their Instructors have been good; the policy of the officers supervising training has been to give to them scope for initiative and command, and they have risen, according to their experience and character, to the occasion. The value of this practice in leadership for the more senior N.C.O.'s cannot be over-emphasized. The role of the J.T.C. in producing a constant stream of natural junior leaders is highly important.

There are fewer weeks this term in which to prepare for examinations, and illness among the candidates adds another difficulty. Nor has the weather been very helpful. But no parade has been cancelled, and steady progress has been made, the Under-Officers working hard with their squads.

Captain Watt and his Senior Company have followed a varied programme. Consolidation of previous military knowledge has been their aim, and work to this end both indoors and out has been their normal concern.

Next term we shall move on to two whole-day exercises with a third early in the Christmas term in lieu of camp. Preparations are being made, also, for a demonstration at the beginning of April by cadets of the Royal Corps of Signals O.C.T.U. under their Chief Instructor, Major D. N. Deakin (S, 1930).

Enrolment in the Home Guard has proceeded, and organization and equipment for emergency have been taking shape. The Stowe Platoon turned out well for its practice "Action stations," and a parachutist exercise which followed enabled it to shake down and test its fieldcraft and communications. As last term, there has been regular shooting practice for Home Guard members on the Miniature Range.

A.T.C. NOTES

The formation of the new Air Training Corps in schools and towns throughout the country was announced in January and with last term's Air Section as a nucleus we were able to make a good start. Of those who applied for entry 72 cadets were accepted. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Boyd have been nominated as candidates for commissions and in the meantime have been carrying on as civilian instructors. On February 21st we were informed that we had been registered as Stowe School Flight No. 526. The normal unit of organization is a Squadron of at least 100 cadets and it is hoped that we shall soon reach this figure.

Lectures have been given on Theory of Flight, Morse and Aircraft Recognition, and as a fair knowledge of mathematics and mechanics is assumed some time has been devoted to these subjects. The Air Section has completed the syllabus for the Air Ministry Test and is taking the examination before the end of this term.

W.L.L.

STOWE CLUB FOR BOYS

95, FRAMPTON STREET,
LONDON, N.W.8,
March 1941.

To the Editor of *The Stoic*.

Dear Sir,

The premises have not suffered any further damage, though the area continues to receive its share of the blitz. In fact, Club members who deserve honourable mention, K. Johnson, L. Barnes, E. Stocker, D. Knight, D. Murphy, P. Owens, S. Lobb, P. Warner and S. Fry, have volunteered for and carried through the redecoration of the Gymnasium. It looks a grand job and speaks very highly for our boys' keenness on their Club. Such constructive work continues steadily and has been commented on most favourably by Mr. A. Cooper of the Central Electricity Board, who takes a very practical interest in London Clubs, ours particularly. It is hoped to brighten the whole of the interior of the building in this way by the summer.

The cold during the early part of the winter was a great handicap, for coal fires were quite inadequate in the absence of central heating. Gas-radiators and gas-fires have now been installed by the Stowe Committee, with the result that conditions have vastly improved. We shall soon have also, with government aid, the benefit of an air-raid shelter. This precludes using the basement for baths. But, largely owing to the generosity of Mr. Gordon Richards, Managing Director of the Solex Carburettor Works, a small private bathroom in the Club has been fitted up for the boys to use, the Stowe Committee providing the Ascot gas-heater from their funds.

An outstanding feature of a thoroughly good session was the New Year's Party, attended by 57 boys and several of their girl friends. We were particularly happy to have Mrs. Weiler with us again, deputising for her son and his wife, who have made visits to the Club at two other times when in London. The occasion was a very great success.

The obvious antidote for anxiety and boredom in these days is general activity. We have, therefore, striven to make the seven days of the week very full, and it is heartening that our membership has in consequence steadily increased during the winter months. We can indeed be proud of the way our members have made the Club an active centre and given it their loyalty.

The footballers seem to be unbeatatable and are now on their way to the Final of the London Federation Cup (Senior Division). All the best Club teams have been played, and since November there has not been a single defeat to us. At the same time an excellent team of boxers is in training.

There has been much activity, too, in keeping contact with A.R.P. shelters throughout the Boroughs of Marylebone and Paddington. At Christmas Stowe Club was chosen as the central distributing agency for over 3,000 useful gifts to shelter users.

Many of our old members visit us from time to time, and several very interesting letters have been received from them. The fortnightly Sunday Social and Dance has been a huge success and has resulted in the nucleus of a Girls' Club being formed in Marylebone with Mrs. Crewdson as its organizer. Sisters, cousins and young lady

friends have pleaded for a Club of their own, sponsored by the Boys' Club. This is most unusual, for it is customary for a Girls' Club to foster a Boys' Section. We, however, have the distinction of working the other way round, and two unused rooms on our premises have been lent to the girls for two evenings a week. As a Boys' Club we feel we must help solve the social problems of the Borough, but our policy, upheld by the National Association, is to hold out for *separate* Boys' and Girls' Clubs.

Another very happy Sunday was spent at Stowe, when the boys turned out two Soccer teams and were generously entertained and escorted on a tour of the School.

A full outdoor summer programme of swimming, week-end camping, cycling, hiking and cricket will hold the boys together and give them plenty of fresh air and exercise. In this connection more cricket gear, especially bats and wicket-keeping gloves, is urgently wanted.

Sir Pelham Warner has kindly consented to allow the Stowe Club cricketers to play Rugby Boys' Club at Lords on a date in July to be arranged later.

More visits from Stoics would be much appreciated; it is a regret that in these days so few of them are able to see our work. We do hope that any Old Stoic on leave or Stoic on holiday, whenever he is in London, will come and see our premises and the work being done. There is a continuous request, also, for more modern books and periodicals as reading matter in leisure hours. Anything of this kind would be most acceptable to the Club.

Bob Mead is missing. What was written of him by a 17-year-old member showed the deep feeling which moved everyone.

Many Clubs through lack of support during the war have had to close their doors. We fully intend to keep going, for never was more valuable work to be done. The members themselves do their full share in making effort and keeping up subscriptions, and I should like to thank the whole School and every subscriber for their continued help.

Our good wishes to you all.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ALBERT E. CREWDSON (*Warden*).

A FEW IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.

FINANCE.

The Stowe Club is not endowed and depends entirely on past and present members of the School, the Staff and friends of Stowe for its income. A membership of 150 is meagrely provided for. In spite of every sound economy its slender capital has to be drawn on at times to meet current expenses. More donations and annual subscriptions would make the task of those who bear the brunt of its organization and management less exacting. The Club has little remuneration of any kind to offer its officials. The Stowe Committee of masters and the London Committee of Old Stoics are purely honorary. The Club boys themselves contribute something towards the cost of every single activity.

In the year ending June 30th, 1940, the Old Stoics subscribed £364 (£307 by banker's orders), and the Stowe boys contributed £118 direct and another £88 through the Chapel collections towards Club funds.

Particulars of the subscription list are entirely private to me. Any sum of money, no matter how small it may seem, and especially if it can be sent regularly, will be most gratefully received and acknowledged. Banker's orders may be obtained from me at any time, but cheques, postal orders and cash are exceedingly welcome too. All serviceable gifts in kind (e.g. billiard and ping pong tables, cast-off clothing, both men's and women's, and kit for games) should be sent direct to the Warden at 95, Frampton Street, London, N.W.8. What cannot actually be used by the boys can be sold for their benefit.

VISITORS.

Anyone interested in Social Service is very welcome to visit the premises on any late afternoon or evening. Old Stoics in particular can do much good by looking in for an hour or so to see what is being done and what it is hoped to do. Visitors are never asked to give money or make gifts or run any activity. Their general interest is valued for its own sake. The Club has an excellent name in the London Federation and is happily conscious of every connection with Stowe.

A. B. CLIFFORD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

SONNET

Come, cultivate the virgin soil of sleep,
 And plough the idle pastures of the mind;
 Dreams sown, mere words the harvester shall reap,
 But words are all the harvest of mankind.
 Ink is no medium for your expression,
 And in my lines your image is untrue.
 The mirror of your worth is my confession
 That all perfections are embraced in you.
 If I could hear the music of your voice,
 Or gaze into your sympathetic eyes,
 For you as Nature's summer-time rejoice
 When all spring's promises you realize;
 Then would I have just cause for adoration:
 None live like you but in imagination.

R.C.H.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST ROUND.

BRUCE *v.* CHATHAM.

Heron won the toss for Bruce, and decided to play down-wind. Both teams were playing without their captains, Thomson and Murray, but Chatham, led by Boyd, were expected to win. In the first half, Jessiman used the wind well with grand long kicks, but Bruce never managed to score. Chatham also had some near attempts at scoring, but Bruce kept them at bay.

In the second half Mallory did not make such good use of the wind as Jessiman had, but after the Chatham forwards had been giving Bruce an uncomfortable time beneath their posts, they were awarded a free kick for offside and Kennedy kicked a beautiful penalty goal. With ten minutes left, Bruce attacked fiercely and, soon after a kick to the corner flag by Jessiman, P. K. Collier followed up a fly-kick and scored; the kick was charged down. So a rather scrappy match ended in a draw 3—3.

BRUCE *v.* CHATHAM (Replay).

Chatham having won the toss, pressed for some time, their acting captain K. T. Boyd having decided to play down-wind, before the fly-half, P. Campbell-Cooke, scored after a good run, the try being converted by G. M. Kennedy. A period of level play followed before the ball went to P. C. Holden, the Bruce left-wing, who ran well, but was stopped in time. Chatham continued attacking, scoring again before half-time, through their scrum half, A. J. H. Ruthven, who took his opportunity well from the twenty-five.

Throughout the second half, Chatham pressed, scoring twice more, through Ruthven from a scrum-five, and by a pass straight from the fly-half to W. R. Mallory playing left centre, while Kennedy right centre ran outside him, took a good pass, and went through. The scores were completed by penalty kicks taken by A. G. Jessiman and G. M. Kennedy respectively. Bruce defended well to the end, thus making a good match, which was only spoilt by the absence of the two captains Thomson and Murray.

*Teams.—Chatham:—*J. G. Cameron; J. O. Outwater, G. M. Kennedy, W. R. Mallory, J. M. Black; P. Campbell-Cooke, A. J. H. Ruthven; K. T. Boyd, J. K. A. Bromley, P. F. J. Green, J. E. Hodgkin, R. E. Hodgkin, R. M. Hippisley-Cox, J. M. Burt, T. H. C. Lewis.

*Bruce:—*B. W. Guest; E. A. Harding, E. T. G. Conant, S. C. Lloyd, P. C. Holden; A. G. Jessiman, R. N. Harding; T. G. Heron, P. D. Bennett, N. W. Riley, R. C. H. Collier, R. H. White-Smith, R. N. Verdon-Roe, R. A. Yule, J. S. Dawes.

TEMPLE *v.* COBHAM.

This game was played on the Bourbon on Saturday, February 9th, and was won by Temple by 9—8.

It was distinguished by the fact that it contained, in Gray of Temple and Lewisohn of Cobham, the only two members of the First Fifteen fit enough to represent their houses in the first round of House Matches. This distinction is perhaps worth mentioning, because it was, in fact, the only one possessed by a game which was dull in the extreme. Both sides were excessively slow outside, and after the first ponderous quarter of an hour it became clear that the team which could profit by its opponents' mistakes would win. Temple did so twice in the first half, when Gray took the ball out of an opposing forward's hands and scored, and when Rossdale, after missing a penalty, found himself awarded a second chance through a Cobham infringement of an elementary rule, and this time made no mistake.

In the second half, Fleming, a Cobham centre, missed a defensive punt, but succeeded in turning it into a kick-across of great delicacy and accuracy which fell into Gray's hands ten yards from the line. As a result Temple were nine points ahead, having taken full advantage of Cobham's mistakes. A last minute effort by the Cobham pack gained tries by Shervington and Baker, one converted by Lewisohn, and showed what they might have done to the game if they had wakened up just a little earlier. Temple undoubtedly deserved to win if only because Cobham gave them so many chances to do so.

Teams.—Temple :—H. B. G. Epps ; D. Rossdale, J. R. B. Williams-Ellis, R. A. W. Rossdale, D. B. Eaglesfield ; R. B. Higham, P. J. Davies ; A. J. Manley, R. F. C. Davis, G. R. Lees, A. J. Gray, R. S. Cross, N. E. Seely, D. A. O. Davies, A. D. Maclean.

Cobham :—G. A. Alden ; J. F. Nye, S. Ausnit, R. I. Fleming, A. D. Page ; I. J. H. Lewisohn, M. A. Marshall ; P. M. J. Shervington, R. I. Maitland, H. M. E. Lloyd, H. G. Baker, B. Henshaw, C. E. Guinness, P. R. A. H. Billinge, P. K. Withinshaw.

WALPOLE v. CHANDOS.

In this game Walpole, with a strong pack, were matched against Chandos fast and strong-running threequarters. As in most such matches it was the forwards who tipped the balance, though for a long time it was doubtful whether Walpole could organize their somewhat shaky defence to hold off the heavy attacks that were made on their line.

With a strong wind behind them in the first half, the Walpole threequarters could do little with the ball. They dropped their passes and ran across, and it was only by kicking that they made any ground. Chandos on the other hand were controlling their passes well, and Walpole found Hickling and Marshall very difficult to stop. However, they were getting the ball in the tight scrums, and used the wind to make long kicks, one of which Lightfoot gathered at full speed, and falling over the line gave Walpole a lead of three points. This was presently increased by a blind-side try from Gilliland in the left corner. Both kicks failed.

The change of ends put Walpole continuously on the defensive, and for a long time they were fighting to keep the ball out of their 25. Marshall scored a good try for Chandos and there was a critical moment when Hickling broke clean through and looked like scoring an easy try, but was beautifully tackled by Champion, the only remaining defender. From this point Walpole gave up kicking against the wind, and their forwards regained the initiative with long loose rushes. From one of these Gilliland picked up and scored another solo try. In the last minute Robinson intercepted a loose pass in mid-field and led the ensuing chase long enough to touch down between the posts. With the try converted as no-side went, Walpole won by 14 points to 3.

Chandos, handicapped by the absence of Hurley and Gray, were effective behind the scrum, but lacked co-operation from their forwards. Lawson-Tancred was conspicuous in the loose, and the second row were the mainstay of the scrum. For Walpole, Henderson worked and exhorted his forwards unsparingly, and Barrowclough tackled stoutly where his halves could not.

Teams.—Walpole :—D. G. Champion ; I. A. Tippetts, W. V. Machin, R. D. Lightfoot, R. M. Sellers ; M. H. A. Robinson, R. A. Gilliland ; M. C. Ashworth, J. C. Farmer, R. R. Thompson, D. S. A. Gordon, C. M. Campbell, P. G. Henderson, Hon. R. E. H. Keppel, J. S. Barrowclough.

Chandos :—J. A. Lucey ; R. H. Hawkins, G. P. Marshall, E. P. Hickling, G. A. Callender ; R. A. Soames, R. E. Wordley ; I. M. Horley, D. C. Lloyd, F. W. E. Groeninx van Zoelen, G. D. Wauhope, W. L. S. Knox-Gore, T. A. S. Carlyon, C. Lawson-Tancred, T. H. Barclay.

GRENVILLE v. GRAFTON.

Played on Saturday, February 8th, Grenville winning by 11 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal and 1 goal) to 3 points (1 try).

This match was played in a very strong wind, and as Grafton won the toss they played with it in the first half. For the first ten minutes play was fairly even and there was no score, but after that Barrowclough received the ball somewhere near the Grenville twenty-five, kicked

ahead over the line and touched down to make the score 3—0 to Grafton, the kick failing. After this Grenville started to press more and eventually drew level with a try by Dunnett scored from a five-yard scrum. Half time came with the scores still level, but soon after Rumsey kicked a good penalty goal to put Grenville in the lead. Not many minutes later Lack received the ball from a threequarter movement, ran through several defenders and scored a very good try beneath the posts which he himself converted. There was no further score and Grenville left the field winners for the first time in ten years.

Teams.—Grenville :—H. J. Verney ; R. T. F. Larsen, T. S. A. Lack, J. M. Connell, D. W. N. Calderwood ; J. W. Cornforth, I. R. Dunnett ; P. W. Harvey, J. D. R. Hayward, D. L. Donne, J. G. W. Burns, J. A. D. Rofé, D. L. Vere Hodge, I. A. P. Rumsey, J. W. Young.

Grafton :—P. S. Armstrong ; A. S. Wheatland, A. R. Barrowclough, H. E. McCready, J. G. C. Knight ; J. A. Hayward, R. P. Bourdon Smith ; T. H. Lawrence, D. G. Forsyth, J. S. Hillyer, A. A. N. Kurk, R. E. C. Woodwark, J. L. Griffith, G. Wachmann, A. B. Hutchison.

SECOND ROUND

GRENVILLE v. TEMPLE.

Played on Wednesday, February 12th, and won by 11 points (1 penalty goal, 1 goal and 1 try) to nil.

For the first quarter of an hour or so of this game Temple, with the wind behind them, pressed hard, but the Grenville defence was sound and they could not score. After this the Grenville threequarters, who looked much the more dangerous, started getting more of the ball, and Temple were driven back to their own twenty-five. Temple were then given a penalty for offside, and Lack kicked a penalty goal from fairly close in. Later on in this half Grenville got clear away twice, first through Vere Hodge and then through Cornforth, but on both occasions the final pass was forward.

In the second half Grenville continued to press and gained a good deal of ground with long kicks. They scored twice more, once by a good run by Calderwood who scored, Lack converting, and again by Cornforth who scored on the blind side. In the last few minutes Williams-Ellis of Temple made about fifty yards but was brought down in the end, and the game closed with no further score.

Teams.—Grenville :—J. M. Connell ; R. T. F. Larsen, T. S. A. Lack, D. W. N. Calderwood, J. W. Young ; J. W. Cornforth, I. R. Dunnett ; G. M. Bagshawe, J. D. R. Hayward, D. L. Donne, H. J. Verney, J. G. V. Burns, D. L. Vere Hodge, I. A. P. Rumsey, J. A. D. Rofé.

Temple :—M. C. E. Shearn ; D. Rossdale, J. R. B. Williams-Ellis, R. A. W. Rossdale, D. B. Eaglesfield ; R. B. Higham, P. J. Davies ; A. J. Manley, R. F. C. Davis, G. R. Lees, A. J. Gray, R. S. Cross, N. E. Seely, D. A. O. Davies, A. D. Maclean.

WALPOLE v. CHATHAM.

Walpole were a long time before they found their proper form, and in the first half Chatham largely controlled the game by their superior heeling. The Chatham threequarters ran straight and hard, and Walpole's weak tackling gave the impression that it was only a matter of time before they would begin to score freely. Kennedy was very nearly over twice and on the second occasion would have scored if the ball had not been knocked from his hands, while Campbell-Cooke, after breaking through on his own 25, ran three quarters of the length of the field, and would have scored if he had not been caught by Lightfoot.

At half-time there was no score, but Chatham had had the most of the game. However, in the second half Walpole began to pack and push more effectively in the set scrums, and it soon became clear that they were the better side. The Chatham movements became less frequent and less dangerous, and though Walpole backs were poor as a line, individual members seized their chances. Tippetts just got over in the left corner, Gilliland found a weak spot on the blind side and in the last few minutes Lightfoot scored a fine try, taking a pass with one

hand as he swerved in and ran between the posts with all the defence on the wrong foot. Gilliland twice converted.

The game was mainly controlled by the forwards, and in this respect Chatham, being without Boyd, were eventually outplayed, though they put up a good fight and in the second half brought off one very successful rush from end to end of the field. For the winners Gordon and Henderson did more than their share of work, and Lightfoot was outstanding in attack and defence. For Chatham Campbell-Cooke set his line going well and made the most of any opportunity of cutting in. Score: Walpole 13, Chatham 0.

Teams.—*Walpole*:—D. G. Champion; I. A. Tippetts, W. V. Machin, R. D. Lightfoot, R. M. Sellers; M. H. A. Robinson, R. A. Gilliland; M. C. Ashworth, J. C. Farmer, R. R. Thompson, D. A. S. Gordon, C. M. Campbell, P. G. Henderson, R. B. Lodge, J. S. Barrowclough.

Chatham:—J. G. Cameron; J. O. Outwater, G. M. Kennedy, W. R. Mallory, J. M. Black; P. Campbell-Cooke, A. J. H. Ruthven; P. F. J. Green, T. H. C. Lewis, J. K. A. Bromley, R. M. Hippisley-Cox, J. M. Burt, J. E. Hodgkin, R. E. Hodgkin, R. P. D. Treherne.

FINAL ROUND.

WALPOLE v. GRENVILLE.

Played on the South Front on Wednesday, February 19th.

Snow lay half an inch deep on the ground on the morning of the match and it was doubtful whether play would be possible. However, a thaw set in and the ground was cleared by 2.45 when the match was due to start. Conditions were treacherous, nevertheless, and it looked as if there was going to be a mud scramble with the forwards dominating the game and the backs rarely catching the slippery ball. This was not to be the case and the handling, especially by the full-backs, was particularly commendable and was remarked upon by the referee, H. B. Toft, once England's rugby captain, at the close of the game.

It was a strange match, but one of the best finals seen for some time. It appeared after the first quarter of an hour that Grenville must win: their forwards got the ball back from every scrum and their backs were making ground with every move. But after this the Walpole forwards decided the issue by working much as a concerted tank attack might until they had disintegrated the Grenville pack into a ragged rabble. Behind this beaten pack the superior backs had little chance to show their worth and it was only on rare occasions that ground was made except by kicking.

The two young teams began strenuously but unskillfully; but it was not long before Grenville settled down to a steady attack. Cornforth drew two men and sent Lack through to within ten yards of the Walpole line. Pressure was maintained and Cornforth forced his way through a host of Walpole defenders to score far out: Lack topped his kick at goal. It appeared that Grenville might score once more and perhaps several times, but the Walpole forwards came to life and began to play a devastating game. More and more they got the ball from the scrums: again and again Henderson and Gordon went away at the head of a dribble until the Grenville pack lost heart and cohesion. From that moment it seemed certain that Walpole must win. Gilliland was full of energy at the base of the scrum and passed the ball out to Robinson with speed and accuracy, but the latter player took his passes standing. Lightfoot, with his kicks ahead and quick following up gave Connell, the Grenville full-back, a nasty time, and Tippetts on the left wing was a source of danger with his great speed. It was this latter player who scored Walpole's first try, and then Lightfoot with a quick follow up got the next one. Neither was converted and Walpole led 6-3 at half-time.

Only once in the second half did it seem as if Grenville might increase their score, when their forwards had a good rush of fifty yards and Young nearly got over. The result was clinched when Walpole returned to the attack and Gilliland went over on the unguarded blind side. Not many minutes from time the same player got the touch down after dribbling over. Neither of these tries was converted.



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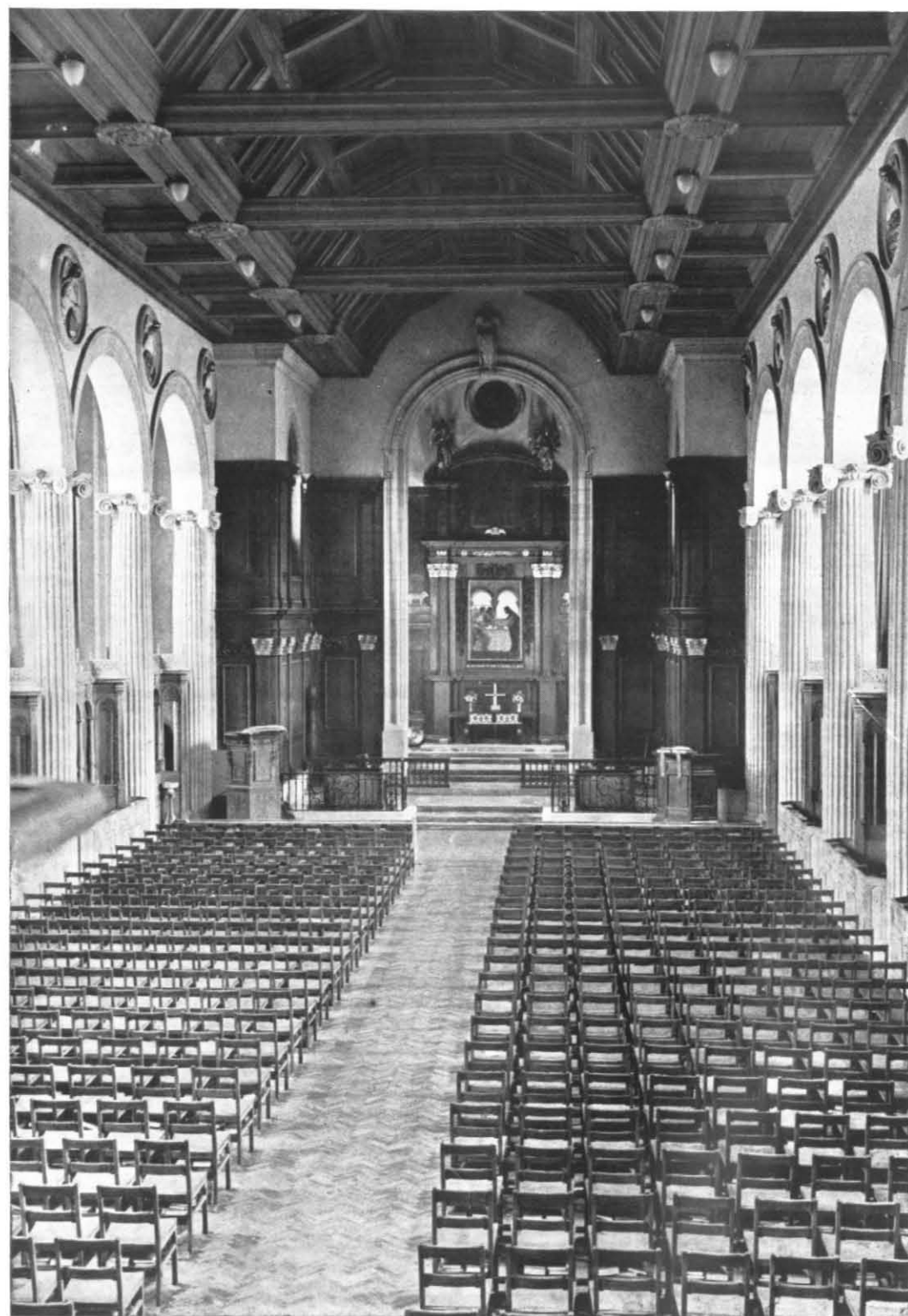


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INTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL

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Henderson, Gordon and Gilliland were superb for Walpole ; Cornforth, Dunnett and Lack were the best of the Grenville team.

Teams.—Walpole :—D. G. Champion ; I. A. Tippetts, W. V. Machin, R. D. Lightfoot, D. W. Partridge ; M. H. A. Robinson, R. A. Gilliland ; M. C. Ashworth, J. C. Farmer, R. R. Thompson, D. A. S. Gordon, C. M. Campbell, P. G. Henderson, R. B. Lodge, J. S. Barrowclough.

Grenville :—J. M. Connell ; R. T. F. Larsen, T. S. A. Lack, D. W. N. Calderwood, J. W. Young ; J. W. Cornforth, I. R. Dunnett ; G. M. Bagshawe, J. D. R. Hayward, G. A. Eve, H. J. Verney, J. G. V. Burns, D. L. Vere Hodge, P. F. Szeben, J. A. D. Rofé.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

Shortage of eligible players, due to illness, in half of the houses spoiled the competition. Grafton might well have won the competition in any case, but they were fortunate in having very few medicals compared with other houses and in the final they fielded their best ten players against Cobham's only ten available. This resulted in an easy win for Grafton, with Cobham rarely in an attacking position. However, Cobham put up a stern defence and only suffered defeat by 17—0, when it might easily have been 50—0 had they given up. The best Grafton players were Barling and Watson, while Perry did good work for Cobham.

Results of Junior matches :—

Cobham	48 ;	Temple	0.
Bruce	16 ;	Chatham	3.
Cobham	65 ;	Chatham	0.
Bruce	15 ;	Temple	5.
Grafton	8 ;	Grenville	3.
Cobham	10 ;	Bruce	6.

Final :—

Grafton	17 ;	Cobham	0.
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FIVES

The Uppingham 1st and 2nd pairs proved much too good for us when they came here on March 1st and we only managed to win one game of the eight played.

The results were :—

E. P. Hickling (C) and J. E. Colbeck (T) lost to G. A. Wheatley and F. B. R. Cooke, 4—15, 16—18 ; drew with J. N. C. Bryant and K. A. Crosthwaite, 15—9, 7—15.

J. A. Hayward (C) and P. M. Ward (T) lost to Bryant and Crosthwaite, 4—15, 10—15 ; lost to Wheatley and Cooke, 3—15, 3—15.

The Final of the Senior House Matches will be played between Temple and Grafton ; of the Junior between Grafton and Walpole.

CROSS-COUNTRY

After the discouraging severity of last winter, the present Cross-Country season presented heartening prospects. The best performers, though young, possessed considerable ability, and were most enthusiastic, while the weather allowed training to proceed normally over country that gave the minimum of inconvenience to those who barely had time to exchange their Rigger boots for Running shoes. Some difficulties were met in choosing a suitable course free of excessive stretches of macadam, since patriotic farmers and A.F.Vs. had conspired to place "under the plough" vital sections of the School and "Charterhouse" courses. However, making as much use of Stowe ground as possible, an interesting course was mapped, and used with only slight modification in both the School Cross-Country and the match against Uppingham. The performance of the VIII in this match raised the hopes of their supporters, but *miserabile dictu* the remaining fixture, a triangular match against Rugby and Shrewsbury, failed to materialize owing to a secretarial oversight of which Stowe were the unsuspecting victims.

FIRST VIII v. UPPINGHAM.

At Stowe, on Saturday, March 1st.

The course arranged for this match had not previously been used in its entirety, although it was an extended version of the School course used earlier in the week. Briefly, it took the following form:—Start on the North Front, "San" Corner, Yew Walk, Boycott Turn, Copper Bottom, Corinthian Arch, Stowe Castle, Lamport, Bourbon Tower, Akeley Road Corner, Deer Barn, Roman Road, finish on the North Front by the 1st XV east goal-line. The long finish down the Grecian Valley was again missed, but the plough on the Bourbon field prevented the inclusion of this classical climax without tortuous deviations. In war-time aesthetic enjoyment must be put second to the cultivation of potatoes.

Uppingham started at a fast pace and at the Boycott turn they were all together, some yards in front of Stowe, who were also closely packed and led by Holden, Jessiman, and Hawkins. This order remained unchanged until the rise leading up to the Corinthian Arch, when Holden initiated a well-controlled spurt which carried all but three of the Stowe pack into the leading positions, where they remained until the end. Stowe provided the first five runners home, a decisive victory which was surprising in view of the small amount of training which had been possible.

Result:—

Stowe, 25 points. Course—Approximately 5 miles, 3 furlongs.
Uppingham, 42 points.

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| 1. | P. C. Holden (Stowe, B). | 32 mins. 24 secs. |
| 2. | { A. G. Jessiman (Stowe, B).
R. H. Hawkins (Stowe, C). | |
| 4. | R. D. Lightfoot (Stowe, W). | |
| 5. | M. H. A. Robinson (Stowe, W). | |
| 6. | Lyon (Uppingham). | 33 mins. 56 secs. |
| 7. | Morgan (Uppingham). | |
| 8. | Travers (Uppingham). | |
| 9. | Gregg (Uppingham). | |
| 10. | C. Lawson-Tancred (Stowe, C). | |
| 11. | J. D. R. Hayward (Stowe, G). | |
| 12. | Houghton (Uppingham). | |
| 13. | J. E. Murray (Stowe, B). | |
| 14. | Clark (Uppingham). | |
| 15. | Ashwell (Uppingham). | |

Hudson of Uppingham retired injured.

THE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY.

The Senior and Junior races were held on Monday, February 24th, in bright but rather cold weather conditions. In spite of recent rains, the ground was firm as the result of several successive nightly frosts, a piece of good fortune since the course chosen was entirely over grass or field tracks. For the first three and a quarter miles, the course was identical with that used in the School match described above, but branched away northwards round the Bourbon Tower and Field on to the Roman Road, thereby decreasing the distance to a little more than four miles, five furlongs.

From a massed start, no immediate pace-maker emerged to achieve early notoriety at the expense of later ignominy, though Holden, Jessiman, Hickling and Hawkins were well to the front and running steadily. From the Boycott Turn the progress of the runners was shrouded in mystery, until the field was "spotted" as a "thin white line," by the commentators on the top of the Bourbon Tower. From this vantage point which commanded a view of nearly half the course, the positions and form of the runners were reported by loudspeaker to a large audience by the East Colonnade. At the Tower, Holden and Jessiman were running strongly together, some fifteen yards in front of Hickling, who was followed by Hawkins. After this Holden forged ahead to win comfortably from Jessiman by nearly 200 yards, in very good time, while Hickling lost ground, with Lawson-Tancred running very well into third place.

Time, 27 mins. 59½ secs.

Result:—*Individual*:—1, P. C. Holden (B); 2, A. G. Jessiman (B); 3, C. Lawson-Tancred (C); 4, R. H. Hawkins (C); 5, M. H. A. Robinson (W); 6, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 7, E. P. Hickling (C); 8, J. D. R. Hayward (G); 9, J. R. B. Williams-Ellis (T); 10, J. E. Murray (B).

The Junior Cross-Country also started and finished on the North Front, though it was barely two and three-quarter miles long. The actual course was as follows:—North Front, Yew Avenue, Boycott, Temple of Venus, Bell Gate, Temple of Friendship, Palladian Bridge, Armoury, Ninth Green, Bourbon Field, Sequoia Avenue, North Front.

The start was leisurely and no one seemed inclined to take the lead, for at the Temple of Venus the leaders were very closely packed. At the Bell Gate, however, Larsen had gone to the front with Michalowski, and the field began to string out, this tendency being accelerated by the hill up to the Armoury. Larsen, still running strongly, finished a comfortable winner by seventy yards from Bremner.

Time, 15 mins. 56 secs.

Result:—*Individual*:—1, R. T. F. Larsen (G); 2, J. C. B. Bremner (C); 3, D. R. Blundell (G); 4, J. Smith (G); 5, J. I. G. Capadose (T); 6, I. H. Robinson (W); 7, J. W. Myers (C); 8, I. W. Michalowski (B); 9, R. H. M. Pease (G); 10, R. A. Yule (B).

House Positions:—

JUNIOR.		SENIOR.		COMBINED.	
1.	{ Grenville 316 Grafton 316	1.	Bruce 861	1.	Bruce 1155
3.	Bruce 294	2.	Walpole 744	2.	Walpole 1000
4.	Walpole 256	3.	Chandos 741	3.	Grenville 985
5.	Cobham 244	4.	Grenville 669	4.	Cobham 877
6.	Temple 206	5.	Chatham 636	5.	Chandos 869
7.	Chatham 184	6.	Cobham 633	6.	Chatham 820
8.	Chandos 128	7.	Temple 513	7.	Temple 719
		8.	Grafton 273	8.	Grafton 589

SPORTS

The Sports were held this year on March 22nd, and a steady drizzle made good performances improbable. This was a pity because in P. C. Holden (B) and I. M. Horley (C) we had two runners who were definitely above average. Holden won the Half Mile and the Mile in goodish times, and was courageously chased home by E. P. Hickling (C) in both events. Horley won the Hundred in a shower of rain, forcing his way in front of a confused mass of runners, and then proceeded to win the Hurdles easily in an event whose record he might well have beaten had the day been dry. The best performance in the Open events was undoubtedly that of A. D. Thomson (C) in winning the Putting the Weight with a putt of 39 feet, a best performance which stands a good chance of becoming a School Record next year when this event comes of age. D. A. O. Davies' (T) Discus throw was good; but the result of the Javelin was, owing to the rain, definitely below standard. G. T. G. Conant (B), who is not much over sixteen, won the Quarter in a time which was good considering the weather, and R. D. Lightfoot (W) and R. N. Harding (B) in the Long Jump and High Jump respectively did reasonable if not exceptional performances. I. A. Tippetts (W), finally, did well to win the 220 and come in second in the Quarter.

In the Under 16 Class D. R. Prestwich (G) proved himself the outstanding performer in the Half Mile and Three-quarter Mile. He has a most promising style and a finish which, though produced rather late in the day, was devastating enough to pulverise all his opponents. The honours for the other events were divided by D. W. N. Calderwood (G) who was, perhaps, a little disappointing on the final day, and M. E. B. Scott (T) who ran and jumped well throughout the Sports.

R. H. M. Pease (G) was easily the most successful of the Under 15 competitors. He won the Hundred, the Hurdles and the Long Jump, the latter's distance being six inches better than the winning jump in the Under 16. Another promising performer in this class was I. H. Robinson (W), who not only won the Half Mile in very good style, but showed himself to be in a class by himself as a Hurdler until he was distinctly unlucky to fall in his Semi-final Heat.

The House Competition was won by Bruce, with Chandos as their only serious rivals.

The points were allocated as follows:—1, Bruce, 105; 2, Chandos, 80; 3, Walpole, 68; 4, Grenville, 56½; 5, Grafton, 45; 6, Temple, 33; 7, Cobham, 24½; 8, Chatham, 12.

OPEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, I. M. Horley (C); 2, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 3, F. M. Frankenburg (C); 4, G. M. Kennedy (C); 5, I. A. Tippetts (W); 6, A. D. Thomson (C). Time, 11.2 secs.

220 Yards.—1, I. A. Tippetts (W); 2, I. M. Horley (C); 3, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 4, G. T. G. Conant (B); 5, H. E. McCready (G); 6, J. F. Nye (C). Time, 25.3 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, G. T. G. Conant (B); 2, I. A. Tippetts (W); 3, J. E. Murray (B); 4, J. F. Nye (C); 5, P. K. Collier (B); 6, I. M. Horley (C). Time, 55.6 secs.

Half Mile.—1, P. C. Holden (B); 2, E. P. Hickling (C); 3, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 4, A. N. C. Bruce (B); 5, A. G. Jessiman (B); 6, P. R. A. H. Billinge (C). Time, 2 mins. 8.2 secs.

One Mile.—1, P. C. Holden (B); 2, E. P. Hickling (C); 3, A. G. Jessiman (B); 4, R. H. Hawkins (C); 5, A. N. C. Bruce (B); 6, C. Lawson-Tancred (C). Time, 4 mins. 51.6 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles (3ft. 3ins.).—1, I. M. Horley (C); 2, I. J. H. Lewisohn (C); 3, J. E. Murray (B); 4, I. A. Tippetts (W); 5, P. Campbell-Cooke (C); 6, A. R. Barrowclough (G). Time, 17.4 secs.

High Jump.—1, R. N. Harding (B); 2, I. R. Erhardt (C) and D. L. Vere Hodge (G) equal; 4, R. W. Blackmore (G); 5, J. E. Murray (B); 6, I. M. Horley (C). Height, 5ft. 1½ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. D. Lightfoot (W); 2, J. E. Murray (B); 3, J. W. Cornforth (G); 4, R. N. Harding (B); 5, A. R. Barrowclough (G); 6, I. M. Horley (C). Distance, 19ft. 2½ins.

Pole Vault.—1, J. M. Connell (G); 2, J. E. Murray (B); 3, S. C. Lloyd (B); 4, R. N. Harding (B). Height, 7ft. 6ins.

Putting the Weight (12lbs.).—1, A. D. Thomson (C); 2, A. J. Gray (T); 3, D. A. O. Davies (T); 4, J. M. Burt (C). Distance, 39ft.

Throwing the Discus.—1, D. A. O. Davies (T); 2, R. A. W. Rossdale (T); 3, S. C. Lloyd (B); 4, M. H. A. Robinson (W). Distance, 96ft. 11ins.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, R. A. Gilliland (W); 2, G. A. Callender (C); 3, W. L. S. Knox-Gore (C); 4, G. P. Marshall (C). Distance, 110ft. 11½ins.

UNDER SIXTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, M. E. B. Scott (T); 2, P. N. Pearson (C); 3, D. W. N. Calderwood (G); 4, R. A. Yule (B). Time, 11.6 secs.

220 Yards.—1, M. E. B. Scott (T); 2, D. W. N. Calderwood (G); 3, P. N. Pearson (C); 4, J. D. Proctor (C). Time, 26.2 secs.

Quarter Mile.—1, D. W. N. Calderwood (G); 2, M. E. B. Scott (T); 3, M. R. Shaw (W); 4, J. I. G. Capadose (T). Time, 60 secs.

Half Mile.—1, D. R. Prestwich (G); 2, P. M. B. Greenall (C); 3, R. T. F. Larsen (G); 4, J. D. Proctor (C). Time, 2 mins. 19.7 secs.

Three-Quarter Mile.—1, D. R. Prestwich (G); 2, R. T. F. Larsen (G); 3, P. M. B. Greenall (C); 4, J. Smith (G). Time, 3 mins. 51 secs.

High Jump.—1, B. S. Dodwell (G); 2, P. S. Armstrong (G); 3, D. W. N. Calderwood (G); 4, T. H. Lawrence (G). Height, 4ft. 9½ins.

120 Yards Hurdles (3ft.).—1, D. W. N. Calderwood (G); 2, R. T. F. Larsen (G); 3, D. R. Prestwich (G); 4, P. N. Pearson (C). Time, 19.4 secs.

Long Jump.—1, M. E. B. Scott (T); 2, J. Smith (G); 3, J. D. Proctor (C); 4, D. W. N. Calderwood (G). Distance, 16ft. 2ins.

Putting the Weight (8lbs.).—1, J. B. A. Kessler (B); 2, R. T. F. Larsen (G); 3, A. J. Manley (T). Distance, 35ft. 4½ins.

UNDER FIFTEEN EVENTS

100 Yards.—1, R. H. M. Pease (G); 2, O. M. Watson (C); 3, D. L. Pike (G). Time, 11.9 secs.

Half Mile.—1, I. H. Robinson (W); 2, D. R. Blundell (G); 3, R. H. M. Pease (G). Time, 2 mins. 25.4 secs.

75 Yards Hurdles (2ft. 6ins.).—1, R. H. M. Pease (G); 2, D. R. Blundell (G); 3, F. I. Watson (G). Time, 12.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, E. H. H. Archibald (G); 2, D. R. Blundell (G); 3, J. A. R. Anson (G). Height, 4ft. 4ins.

Long Jump.—1, R. H. M. Pease (G); 2, F. I. Watson (G); 3, C. S. O'D. Scott (B). Distance, 16ft. 8ins.

HOCKEY

Hockey has again been played during the second half of the term. There have been two main club games, and juniors have been organized on a House basis. Houses were able to raise complete junior sides, and some of them have developed into promising teams. It is to be hoped that many of these junior players will continue to play as seniors in subsequent years, as the standard of the seniors at present declines rapidly below the 1st XI, an unsatisfactory condition for all concerned.

Fixtures were arranged with the R.A.F., Bicester, with the 129th Bty. R.A., and two matches with St. Lawrence College, who have been evacuated from Ramsgate to Northampton.

The first two matches, against St. Lawrence and the R.A., had to be postponed or scratched, so that we have played only one match up to the time of writing. This was against the R.A.F., Bicester, and was won 7-0.

We had the prospect of quite a good team this year, but illness has thinned the ranks. R. A. Soames (C), R. E. Wordley (C) and D. B. Eaglesfield (T) provide a strong centre for the forward line, and A. A. N. Kurk (G) has developed into a very useful back.

D. A. S. Gordon (W) looked very promising in the one game he played before illness removed him, and N. Gilchrist (B) and A. B. Hutchison (G) are both reliable halves. For the remaining matches we hope to have A. D. Thomson (C) who was a tower of strength last year.

LATER: A match against St. Lawrence, at Northampton on March 19th, was lost 0-10. A return match, at Stowe on March 26th, was lost 1-5.

SQUASH

There has been little activity so far this term, as the matches arranged are due to be played near the end of term, one against Radley and a return match against the Oratory School.

A five-string match was arranged at short notice against the Masters, which the latter won 4-0 with one unplayed. Owing to this lack of matches and the call of other Easter Term activities, such as Rugger, Athletics and Hockey, the School players are short of practice and have little chance to be at their best.

A Red Cross Doubles Tournament is being held in which 44 players, Masters and boys, are taking part.

The Senior Competition last term was won by Sir F. Beaumont (W) who beat R. J. Ellison (T) in the final; and in the Junior J. F. Cullis (W) beat R. P. D. Treherne (C).

Chatham beat Walpole in the final of the House Matches.

GOLF

Last term a foursomes competition was held in aid of the Red Cross. Each house had its own competitions and the winners of these house competitions competed in the School tournament. The winners were J. M. Connell (G) and R. B. Higham (T).

We have been unable to arrange any inter-School matches, but it is hoped that the annual match between the boys and the Masters will take place before the end of the term.

I.J.H.L.

CRICKET FIXTURES 1941

FIRST ELEVEN

Sat., May 17.—M.C.C.	Home.
Sat., May 24.—Cryptics	Home.
Wed., May 28.—Bradfield	Home.
Sat., May 31.—Bedford	Away.
Wed., June 4.—Eastbourne	Home.
Sat., June 7.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Wed., June 11.—Authentics	Home.
Sat., June 14.—Trinity College, Oxford	Home.
Wed., June 18.—Radley	Away.
*Sat., June 21.—Tonbridge	Home.
Wed., June 25.—Forty Club	Away.
Sat., June 28.—Cheltenham	Away.
Thur., July 3.—Oundle	Away.

SECOND ELEVEN

Sat., May 17.—Radley	Home.
Wed., May 28.—R.A.F., Bicester	Away.
Sat., May 31.—R.A.F., Halton	Home.
Wed., June 4.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., June 7.—Rugby	Away.
Sat., June 21.—Bradfield	Away.
Wed., June 25.—R.A.F., Bicester	Home.
Thur., July 3.—Oundle	Away.

THIRD ELEVEN

Sat., May 24.—Buckingham	Home.
Wed., May 28.—Bloxham	Away.
Sat., May 31.—Radley	Home.
Wed., June 4.—St. Lawrence	Home.
Wed., June 11.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., June 14.—Buckingham	Home.
Wed., June 18.—Maiden Erlegh	Home.
Sat., June 21.—Magdalen College, Brackley	Away.
Sat., June 28.—St. Lawrence	Away.

COLTS

Sat., May 17.—Radley	Away.
Sat., May 31.—Oundle	Home.
Wed., June 4.—Bedford	Away.
Sat., June 7.—Rugby	Home.
Sat., June 14.—Eastbourne	Home.
Sat., June 21.—Bradfield	Home.
Wed., June 25.—St. Edward's	Home.
Sat., June 28.—Harrow	Home.

JUNIOR COLTS

Sat., May 17.—Radley	Away.
Sat., May 31.—Oundle	Home.
Sat., June 7.—Rugby	Home.
Wed., June 11.—Bedford	Away.
Wed., June 25.—St. Edward's	Home.
Sat., June 28.—Harrow	Home.

* It is hoped to arrange a match with Tonbridge at Lord's at the end of July or beginning of August. If this is done, it will take the place of this match.

DEBATING SOCIETY

There have been two debates this term, the first remarkable for the quantity and the second for the quality of the speeches. The oft prophesied and long-awaited improvement has come and the Man in the Street has at last served a concrete purpose. It is hoped to arrange for a visitors' debate later in the term.

Officers of the Society:—President, Mr. J. M. Todd; Secretary, P. G. Henderson (W); Treasurer, J. Ch. Simopoulos (G); Librarian, B. Henshaw (C); ex-Secretary, H. M. Taylor (G).

The following have been elected members of the Society:—A. G. H. Melley (C), D. Rutherford (C), R. Hoare (C).

The 134th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15th. The Motion before the House was that "In the opinion of this House a Universal Language would be deplorable."

With a flourish of notes, P. G. HENDERSON (W) blew first blasts of the trumpet indiscriminately; his tone was remarkably clear, except when obscured in a purple drum-roll of rhetoric, but his pitch, even if it was true, was scarcely on the point. He failed to see how Leucodermi and Melanodermi could possibly meet on the same linguistic ground and fled in confusion to Hopkins for the perfect compromise in praising dappled things.

J. Ch. SIMOPOULOS (G) easily puffed the insidious clouds of rhetorical nescience and turbulent tropes with the balmy breath of reason and the following wind of ordered argument. With what he modestly called ordinary oratory he dispensed extraordinary wisdom.

THE HON. R. C. M. NATHAN (C) let the facts speak for themselves. By quoting from Volpik and Esperanto and from Wilkin's particularly nauseating universal language, he exposed the fallacy of taking the best from all languages and the dangers of haphazard philology. The conglomerated cacophony coagulated in the jugular regions, until the noble speaker sat down having amply proved his point.

J. S. M. RAMSAY (T) spoke fourth. His contribution was mainly encyclopaedic and biblical. Inevitably he began with the Tower of Babel and proved to his own satisfaction the value of the work of Dr. Zamenhof of Bulostok.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, A. D. Maclean (T), B. Henshaw (C), J. E. M. Irvine (T), F. M. Frankenburg (C), A. G. H. Melley (C), C. M. Campbell (W), A. P. de Pass (C), J. C. Farmer (W), M. A. H. Robinson (W) and D. W. Partridge (W) simultaneously, D. H. G. Beaman (T), I. F. Wallace (C), C. E. Guinness (C), P. W. I. Rees (T), R. Hoare (C), G. D. Lutyens-Humfrcys (C), J. G. B. Chester (B).

Against the Motion, J. F. Nye (C), R. M. Sellers (W), R. H. Griffith (B), J. A. D. Rofé (G), P. F. Szeben (G), C. R. P. Anstey (C), Miss Radice, the President, N. A. Hi Ker (G) and G. C. Neale (C).

On a division being taken there voted:—

In the Upper House,	For the Motion	10
	Against	6
In the Lower House,	For the Motion	20
	Against	15

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 4 votes and in the Lower House by 5 votes.

The 135th Meeting of the Society was held in the Library at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12th. The motion before the House was that "In the opinion of this House the Man in the Street minds more than he matters."

B. HENSHAW (C) emphasized his disdain for the ordinary, the ugly and the unimportant by grandiloquence of attitude and epithet. All the man in the street can do is to raise his intellectual and social standard high, riding into battle with the soul-stirring cry of "Bundles for Bingham."

H. M. TAYLOR (G) lamented that a featureless nonentity was the nation's one foundation: he measured its importance by the time wasted by public men and the press in courting its indeterminate and anonymous support.

P. C. MACNAMARA (B) with vast and inevitable irony heavily ridiculed the Man in the Street by quoting extensively from his Collected Works.

C. E. GUINNESS (C) spoke fourth. With ardent fervour he warmed to the task of extolling the Common People; but if he failed to cut much ice, he did not leave the house cold, for the ensuing debate was not lacking in fire.

There also spoke: *For the Motion*, D. Rutherford (C), F. M. Frankenburg (C), G. McC. Corbett (B), B. R. Armstrong (W), C. M. Campbell (W), I. F. Wallace (C), P. W. I. Rees (T), J. Ch. Simopoulos (G), The Secretary (W).

Against the Motion, A. G. H. Melley (C), R. M. Sellers (W), D. H. G. Beaman (T), E. M. M. Besterman (W), R. Hoare (C), Miss Radice, The President, P. F. Szeben (G).

On a division being taken, there voted:

In the Upper House,	For the Motion	11
	Against	10
In the Lower House,	For the Motion	27
	Against	23

The Motion was therefore carried in the Upper House by 1 vote and in the Lower House by 4 votes.

MUSIC

Performance has not yet substantiated promise, but the Orchestra and Choral Society are both as proficient as ever. Attendance at the latter has greatly improved since it has become an occasional alternative to P.T. At concerts later in the term, the Orchestra will play the first and third movements of Beethoven's 4th Symphony. The length of the second and difficulty of the last movement preclude their inclusion in the programme. They will also play Beethoven's Overture to Egmont and two Mozart Concertos; one for two pianos with J. M. Budden (W) and J. P. Becker (C) as soloists, and one for flute with J. S. M. Ramsay (T) as soloist.

The Choral Society will sing choruses from Bach's Mass in B minor, and a select few will sing some of Schütz's Passion music.

So far there has only been one meeting of the Music Society, for a recital by Miss Hilda Bor. She played a Mozart Sonata, Schumann's Etudes Symphoniques and some modern pieces on à piano that seemed to have reverted to unequal temperament, and perhaps it was for this reason that Schumann came off better than Mozart, and Ravel better than either.

The Sunday evening concerts have continued with undiminished variety. This term we have heard music ranging from Loeillet flute sonatas to Hits from Hawaii on guitars; but the high spot was Messrs. Snowdon and Cooper on two pianos. They played the Brahms St. Anthony variations; variations by Schumann on a theme by Schumann, variations on an Irish Theme by O'Neill; and finished in traditional magnificence with Benjamin's Jamaica Rumba. Incidentally, it would be easier to play at these concerts if the audience consisted less of people who have come to write letters instead of going into preparation.

W.H.Y.

THE ART SCHOOL

The Sketch Club which has now existed for almost two years has proved an excellent innovation for the Art School. The plan has been that its members should paint a set subject for the meetings on Sunday afternoons. This term, besides the exhibition and criticism, an informal talk by each member in turn has been given each week on some controversial subject of Art and this has been followed by a discussion. Both the exhibitions and talks have been of a very high standard indeed.

Mr. Herbert Reed, who is selecting an exhibition of "Young People's Art" to be shown in the Americas, came down to Stowe this term and chose twelve paintings by past and present Stoics.

Various people outside the Art School have sat for us and J. C. Farmer (W) and P. R. Crabbe (G) have both painted remarkably convincing and well-painted portraits of Mr. Gibson. Sculpturing has been revived by J. P. Pettavel (W) and book-binding has received a stimulus from the reorganization of the Library.

The exhibition has been postponed until next term.

G.H.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE TWELVE CLUB

There has so far been one meeting this term when The Hon. W. Hilton-Young (W) read his paper entitled "Hymettus to Hampstead."

It is hoped that we shall hear R. C. Hurley (C) on Shakespeare's Sonnets, B. Henshaw (C) on Dante and J. F. Nye (C) on Relativity before the end of the term.

The following have been elected members:—B. Henshaw (C), R. C. Hurley (C), C. R. P. Anstey (C), J. O. Outwater (C), J. F. Nye (C), and as Permanent Guests, F. M. Frankenburg (C) and A. A. D. M. Brown (C).

P.G.H.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The resignation of H. M. Taylor (S) as Secretary of the Society was regretfully accepted, and J. Ch. Simopoulos (S) was elected to the position.

Only two papers have been read this term, although no less than four had been planned with great enthusiasm by the Secretary.

• On Tuesday, March 4th, C. R. P. Anstey (C) read a most studious and interesting paper on the subject of Justinian. Both the close style and the well-ordered content smacked strongly of Gibbon; and, the paper ended, all were satisfied that he had mastered Gibbon, and that Gibbon had not mastered him.

On Tuesday, March 26th, we heard a well-documented survey of Cretan Civilization in a paper by the Hon. R. C. M. Nathan (C).

J.Ch.S.

THE MUSIC CLUB

The Club has had one meeting this term, on March 14th, when Miss Radice read a lengthy and amusing paper on "Opera." It is hoped that Mr. M. DuP. Cooper will read a paper to the Club next term.

R.C.M.N.

SONNET

We have known hours happy, days sublime
Of laughter and the summer trees, and then
Promise of more. But they are part of time;
And still you seem the present same as when
Presence was mine to love. But now the swift
Gigantic earth can span its orbit wide,
But not our closeness; nor no bridge can lift
Its arch to join us—us whom yards divide.

This loneliness each from each would nothing be
If it were true. No solace is to find
Believing that you too long to be free.
This sorrow is deception; but behind
Conceits there lies a real grief which knows
How I have turned a ragwort to a rose.

W.H-Y.

CHAPEL COLLECTIONS

The Collections from Dec. 8th to March 16th were as follows:—

							£	s.	d.			
Dec.	15th.	Coventry Air-Raid Relief	...	...	...	...	12	18	0
Jan.	26th.	Pineapple	...	...	...	...	10	0	11
Feb.	9th.	Greek Red Cross	...	...	...	...	11	17	6
Feb.	23rd.	Southwark Cathedral Restoration	...	...	...	...	8	8	0
March	9th.	Shipwrecked Mariners' Society	...	...	...	...	12	15	0
Early Services (Dec. 8th—March 16th) (for Pineapple)							11	7	3

As there had been no General Purposes or Samaritan Fund collection for some time, it was announced early in the term that minor Chapel expenses would be met by deducting small amounts from the ordinary collections. Approximately five per cent. has therefore been deducted from each of the above, except the Coventry collection. The Greek Red Cross, for example, has received a cheque for £11 5s. 6d.

For the Committee,

J. M. TODD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

T. C. P. BROOK.

THE LIBRARY

The Library was reclassified at the beginning of February on a system adapted from the American Dewey Decimal Classification, and at the same time reference books and books not to be taken away were all shelved together on the South side of the Library. A Shelf Catalogue is being prepared in addition to the present Card Index.

Books acquired this term include:—

'Into Battle' (The Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill); 'Revolution and Reaction in Modern France' (G. Lowes Dickinson); 'What Happened to France' (G. Waterfield); 'Dynamic Defence' (Liddell Hart); 'Behind God's Back' (Negley Farson); 'The R.A.F. in Pictures' (O. Stewart); 'Some English Dictators' (Milton Waldman); 'History of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem' (E. M. Tennison) (presented by D. Scott, Esq., O.S.); 'Life and Thought in the Greek and Roman World' (M. Cary and T. J. Haarhoff); 'Prehistoric England' (Graham Clark); 'Georges Bizet,' 'Gluck' (M. Du P. Cooper) (presented by the author); 'Let There be Sculpture' (J. Epstein); 'What Happens in "Hamlet"' (J. Dover Wilson); 'Lyrics from the Chinese' (Helen Waddell) (presented by E. H. Boyd, Esq.); 'The Oxford Book of Russian Verse' (ed. Maurice Baring); 'Collected Poems, 1909—1935' (T. S. Eliot); 'The Witch in the Wood' (T. H. White); 'The Voyage' (Charles Morgan); 'Punch' 1940.

ROYAL VISITORS TO STOWE

Towards the end of George the Third's reign there were numerous Royal visits to Stowe, and some of the house-party kept diaries. Among these were the (half-French and partly Italian) Mrs. Fremantle (née Wynne) and her lively black-eyed sisters Eugenia and Harriet. Portraits in *The Wynne Diaries* (Oxford University Press), of which the third volume is now out, show them in the tight high-waisted gowns of Empire times, with neatly-dressed heads and a curl over each eye.

Betsey Wynne's husband, Captain Fremantle, R.N., was wounded in the sea-fight in which Nelson lost his arm, and the Marquess of Buckingham (a family friend) invited him to bring his wife to Stowe. Betsey writes on Dec. 2, 1797:—

"We got to Stowe by three o'clock. A most magnificent place. Lord and Lady Buckingham exceedingly civil. Lord George and Lady Mary nice and clever children."

Lord George's tutor, Mr. Glover, was less civil, and Mrs. Fremantle found him "a disagreeable man." Pressed to remain till the invalid was better, the visitors stayed for the festivities that took place every Christmas: the tenants' ball, the servants' ball, the dinner to 300 poor folk and Lord George's party for "Sixty poor children that can read . . . no others are admitted to the feast." There was play-acting, music (Betsey played on the harpsichord and also on a pianoforte in the "new library") and "romping in the Grenville room," which she found too noisy. Her own sisters, later, helped to make things noisy: dressed as gipsies they went out and "enraged the gardeners," and so forth. Sometimes Lady Buckingham retaliated; after they had been running about all over the house in the dark on winter evenings she had "ghosts and apparitions" staged in the Bachelors' Gallery to frighten them, but both in London and in the country they found her a kind and, on the whole, an indulgent friend.

In 1801 the arrival of the Swanbourne crowd (the Fremantles had bought a house at Swanbourne) coincided with that of the French "princes of the blood."

"STOWE. 12th December . . . The French princes arrived at about seven o'clock—Monsieur (late Count d'Artois), the Prince of Condé and his son, the Duc of Bourbon. Everything in great style for them, the saloon lighted up and band playing. Prince of Condé is a charming old man, Monsieur talks a great deal, but is pleasant enough, the Duc of Bourbon seems more affected by their misfortunes than the others who seem to possess all the usual French levity."

At this time, it will be remembered, the Condés' own palace of Chantilly was lying in ruins. Three years later the Swanbourne party were again at Stowe when Monsieur arrived for a three-day Christmas visit with the Duc de Berri and a large suite, as before; his misfortunes (so wrote Betsey) "have turned his mind very much to religion and he is quite an altered man." Next day the Royalties went out shooting; there was skating, and in the evening dancing in the State apartments.

August, 1805, saw a more important visit from a political standpoint, that of the Prince of Wales (afterwards George the Fourth) who brought with him his brother the Duke of Clarence and also Charles James Fox. Before their arrival Betsey says:—

"I walked through the rooms which are all finished and have a very splendid appearance, the apartment fitted up for the Duke of Clarence is very handsome in the Egyptian style, & quite a State Bed put up for him, which is extremely elegant. The Portico is quite an orange grove, being filled with orange trees in the finest blossom and green house plants." After the Princes' arrival she writes:—

"We all met at half-past five in the State Gallery where we stood in a formal circle for an hour before dinner was announced—the going into dinner was no less formidable, the Band was playing in the Saloon above, there was two rows of Servants in their full liveries and valets de Chambre in dark blue coats covered with Gold Lace. The Princes' table was laid for forty . . . Nothing could exceed the splendour and magnificence of the Dining room especially when the candles were lighted."

Next day, after eleven o'clock breakfast in the State drawing-room, the Prince "walked with Lady Buckingham to the Flower Garden and was drove by her in the Garden Chair." The Duke of Clarence followed with Lord Buckingham and they did not get back till two, when a vast concourse of equipages, some with six horses, took the whole party driving round the park. In the evening, when the grounds were illuminated and crowded with people,

"We all followed the Prince in Procession to the Grotto . . . which had the appearance of enchantment, the Grotto and surrounding scene being illuminated most brilliantly, the Bridge and Obelisk on the water had a charming effect."

Music played (one of the bands was in a barge on the water); from the light-spangled darkness appeared masquers and morris-dancers. The Princes missed nothing, making the whole tour of the lakes on foot and when they returned to the Grotto the fireworks began. During supper, in the Grotto, soft music was sung. Harriet writes that "the Vases before the house were illuminated."

On August 17th (a broiling day) the party drove to Wakefield Lodge, where the Duke of Grafton had arranged a cub-hunt. After dinner they came back to dance. Next day

"The Prince *se vit forcé* to attend Prayers in the Chapel in the House after breakfast—he walked the greatest part of the day. Dinner as usual at six in the Music room, and in the evening music. The Prince was in high glee, and rather more merry than a Prince ought to be."

Dr. Crotch had been brought from Oxford to play to the Royal party, and the Prince behind his back made fun of him to Betsey; she thought his joking vulgar. Next day, after a visit to Mr. Fermor, of Tusmore (Mrs. FitzHerbert's uncle) the Royalties came back to Stowe for a county ball attended by about 400 guests and opened by the Prince who danced "very gracefully and with dignity," but soon stopped, pleading a sprained knee. The colonnades were lighted up, "and looked beautiful," in spite of a thunderstorm, which raged all the evening. Betsey writes:—

"As I was going with Miss Macnamara in one of the Colonades to see the illumination, we met the Duke of Clarence who insisted on going with us, and after drinking tea in the Hall with us would go to the other Colonade. He was as jocos and drole as the Prince was on Sunday night."

The party went on till six next morning and Harriet Wynne had to be scolded for wanting to dance reels. By twelve o'clock breakfast next day "everything was cleared away and there was no appearance of a Ball the night before." The Royal party left in pouring rain. Harriet, feeling dull, walked to the Temple of Venus "to see Mr. Nattes draw, he is a very good Artist and takes Views enormously well," and on the following day "sung to him whilst he drew." On her next arrival at Stowe, Harriet had an hour's talking-to from Lady Buckingham; this time it was another party for the French princes; who arrived on Dec. 30th and were received

"in the North Hall, which was lighted up as well as the Rotunda (Assembly) at the four doors of which crimson curtains trimmed with gold were hung up."

At dinner in the Music Room "the side-board was loaded with Plate which was set off by blue cloath trimm'd with gold and richly embroider'd with coats of arms." Next day "Monsieur went out of shooting"; on New Year's Day followed the harriers.

January 9th, 1807, saw Betsey's husband (now made a Lord of the Admiralty through Lord Buckingham's influence) back from sea and accompanying her to Stowe for the visit of the King of France. The train of the exiled King (who paid the visit *incognito* under the title Comte de Lille) included another future French King, Louis Philippe. Of the chief guest, Mrs. Fremantle wrote:—

"He knows the English language perfectly, but pronounces it with a strong French accent. He eats immensely and seems to enjoy excellent health . . . He is very *prévenant* and has something obliging to say to everybody."

At dinner the band played "O Richard, o mon Roi!" and the King's toast was "Old England and true France, united for ever." The visit, which lasted five days, was a quiet one; the King enjoyed himself driving about the grounds by day and playing whist in the evening. On Jan. 13th,

"After Breakfast the whole party went into the Park to the round tower, where four clumps containing Eight Oaks each, were prepared, the Trees were planted by the King and all the Princes."

Before the end of the year (October 9th) the King was back at Stowe ("not quite so fat as when last I saw him") and with him his Queen, the crippled Savoy princess who had been so hostile to Marie Antoinette as Dauphine. Betsey writes:—

"I had heard so much of her ugliness and deformed figure that I was not surprised in seeing a very hideous little Humpbacked woman, her back really broken in two, her look, manner, and dress very unlike a Queen, but she has an intelligent and clever countenance."

After coffee in the Library, when the King played cards, "the Old Queen being fond of music I was made to play to her, and Lady Mary sang Duetts with the Duc de Berri." "They are all so pleasant and affable," adds the diary, "that it makes it much less formal." They enjoyed driving in the grounds, in the autumn weather, and the visit was uneventful, except that a lady-in-waiting, riding a horse of Lady Mary's, fell off. At about the same time next year the Prince of Wales was back "making himself extremely agreeable." About this visit the diary-writers have little to say, except that in the after-dinner music he "joined in some English Glee, and has a very fine Voice—*mais chante en Prince*." Louis XVIII returned to his throne, and Admiral Fremantle paid his respects to him at the Tuileries. "Monsieur," of the Stowe visits, succeeded him in 1824, and Louis Philippe followed in 1830. Admiral Fremantle died in Waterloo year but his widow lived to old age. Harriet was married before the diary ends, "looking modest for the first time in her life."

S.R.

ODE

It was a shining night of paradise
 When leopard-harnessed chariots might ride
 Through moon-lit woods; nor did the gods despise
 The homeliness of England's countryside,
 For there was magic in the air that night,
 So that the fields and lawns were peopled then
 With demigods, who in that misty light
 Had the best setting in the world of men
 That they could ever have. Upon the lake
 Swam silver stars; above the full moon ran
 Golden and bronze through that sky which could make
 The evening landscape palely green. What span
 Of years shall pass before I see once more
 Such an enchanted eve as earth e'er saw!

K.H.I.

"PRESUME NOT GOD . . ."

The road wound over the downs and resolved itself into a straggling lane between the bracken, along which he idled, dragging his worn feet through the dust and sending it flying up to cover the tops of his shoes. The August sun drew shimmering waves of heat from off the ground, conjuring up mirages on the tarmac which he had just left, and he felt the heaviness of his eyelids and the sweat seeping through his pores; his head was throbbing with the early stages of sun-stroke. As he followed a twist in the lane, a house came in sight round the edge of a clump of trees and he quickened his step in his eagerness to beg a drink.

In every room the curtains were drawn to shield the furniture from the sun and the door was forbiddingly closed. He rang the bell. Silence. Then a sound of footsteps upstairs as if someone resting there were getting up to answer. He waited but no-one came, and he idly pricked the blisters in the door-paint with his thumb-nail. A gardener cycled up the drive and he turned to look at him. He was still facing in the opposite direction when the door opened, but he knew before he turned that it was Helen who stood there.

At first he thought it must be merely the sun, but he was certain, however hard he might try not to believe it, he was certain it was she. Steady, steady; remember things have changed; I can't go back. But his thoughts had raced away from him and he could not control his memory. He lived again the days before the War and again he saw the beautiful Helen whom he had once loved. His mind was enveloped in the repressions of those years and his thoughts refused to remain constant, but sent him spinning from scene to scene. The bitterness of that day when she told him she was engaged to Tom faded before the Hell of France when he longed, when he prayed, to die, but was fated to stand aside and watch others go. And then they all came back, and, as for so many others, his few weeks of hero-worship, which seemed to compensate for the loss of his job, were followed by twenty years of degradation. But he had no longer cared for success and he drank far too heavily in his efforts to escape the memory of what seemed to him an everlasting weal from the lash of Fate. And so he had continued to drift, long after he stopped feeling the cause of his disinterestedness, though behind him, he knew, lay the phantom of lost happiness.

Now his mind was clearing once more and he gradually felt himself returning to the present. He looked again at the woman at the door but, though he knew that she was Helen, he could not remember why he had come. Was it possible that beauty could have so decayed? He stared so hard at the bloated cheeks, the sunken chin, the eyes in which no sign of recognition appeared, that the woman shuffled uneasily on the threshold.

"Well?" she asked, and her voice was harsh and suspicious.

Suddenly he saw everything as if by a flash of revelation. God had not cheated him of happiness after all but had spared him the disillusionment of marriage. This meeting, engineered by the hand of Providence, was a message, an accusation. Why had he wasted his life in vain regrets of that which he would not have enjoyed had he obtained it? It was not too late, not too late to start again, not too late to wipe out the past, not too late to repent.

He smiled and spoke for the first time. "I'm sorry; I seem to have made a mistake." He turned and walked swiftly down the drive, without looking back.

The woman watched him for a moment in silence and then shrugged her shoulders. A voice from inside called: "Who was that, Iris dear?" and, as she shut the door, she answered: "Oh, just some crazy tramp or other."

But the tramp was too far off to catch these words and he was no longer idling but walked swiftly and steadfastly on. Although the heat was still intense and his head ached more than ever, he was laughing.

B.H.

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- 1-2. You are in charge of a stable containing the horses Bucephalus, Golden Miller, Incitatus, Marengo and Persimmon. A party comes to claim them, consisting of Alexander the Great, Caligula, Edward VII, Napoleon, Richard Coeur-de-Lion and Tamerlane. To whom should you hand over: (a) Bucephalus? (b) Marengo?
3. What king's death is represented in the carving over the door of the Gothic Library at Stowe?
4. You pay 7/6 for one of the following:—a wireless licence, an accidental chimney fire, a motor driver's licence, a dog licence, a birth certificate. For which?
5. Which one of the following men do you associate with Bulgaria:—Czáký, Popoff, Sarajoglu, Sikorski, Suñer?
- 6-8. Complete the titles of the following operas:—(a)..... and Cox. (b)..... and Gretel. (c).....and Isolde.
9. Name the star film actor who has appeared in more than one of the following films:—Modern Times, Top Hat, The Thin Man, Follow the Fleet, Mutiny on the Bounty.
10. Which of the following villages stands on the river Ouse? Radclive, Chackmore, Akeley, Gawcott?
- 11-13. Galileo, Captain Cook, Banting, Pasteur, Rutherford, Darwin, Nobel, Camm:—with which names in the above list do you associate: (a) The Voyage of the "Beagle"? (b) The Invention of a Telescope? (c) Atoms?
14. Of the following—Clytemnestra, Clytie, Clio, Calliope, Clive—which is the Muse of History?
15. Captain Macheath was the hero of:—The Recruiting Sergeant, Journey's End, The Ascent of F.6, The Beggar's Opera, Arms and the Man? Which?
16. Which is the highest mountain peak in Scotland?
17. From the following list pick out a 'Pre-Raphaelite':—(a) Constable; (b) William Blake; (c) Holman Hunt; (d) Manet; (e) Gauguin; (f) Monet.
18. Yaffle is another name for one of the following birds:—Woodcock, Jay, Yellow-hammer, Woodpecker, Garefowl, Chaffinch. Which?
- 19-20. Which two of the following are primarily bombers:—Whitley, Spitfire, Heinkel 111, Messerschmitt 109, Messerschmitt 110?
21. A telegram form and half-a-crown were handed over a P.O. counter on Dec. 25th, 1940. On the form was written:—Cave-Brown-Cave, The Towers, Bury St. Edmunds, Regret can't come tomorrow, Michael O'Neill. How much change was returned?
- 22-23. To what word would you supply the following epithets? (a) Good, Model, Grattan's, Long. (b) Black, White, Austin, Grey, Dominican.
24. Which of the following is used as a hymn tune in Chapel? (a) The Minstrel Boy; (b) The Londonderry Air; (c) The Blue Bells of Scotland; (d) The Air on the G String.
- 25-27. Which one of the following—Darwin, Harvey, Mendel, Priestley, Boyle—do you associate with:—(a) Laws of Inheritance? (b) Origin of Species? (c) Discovery of the Circulation of the Blood?
28. If $3 \times$ the number of The Arabian Nights = the number of ducats in Shylock's bond + a baker's dozen + the number of signs in the Zodiac + the number of Sea Lords in the British Navy + the atomic weight of oxygen + the number of Snow White's dwarfs — x times the boiling point of water, Centigrade, what is the value of x ?
- 29-30. Supply the missing words:—(a) 'Elementary, my dear' (b) '....., thou shouldst be living at this hour.'

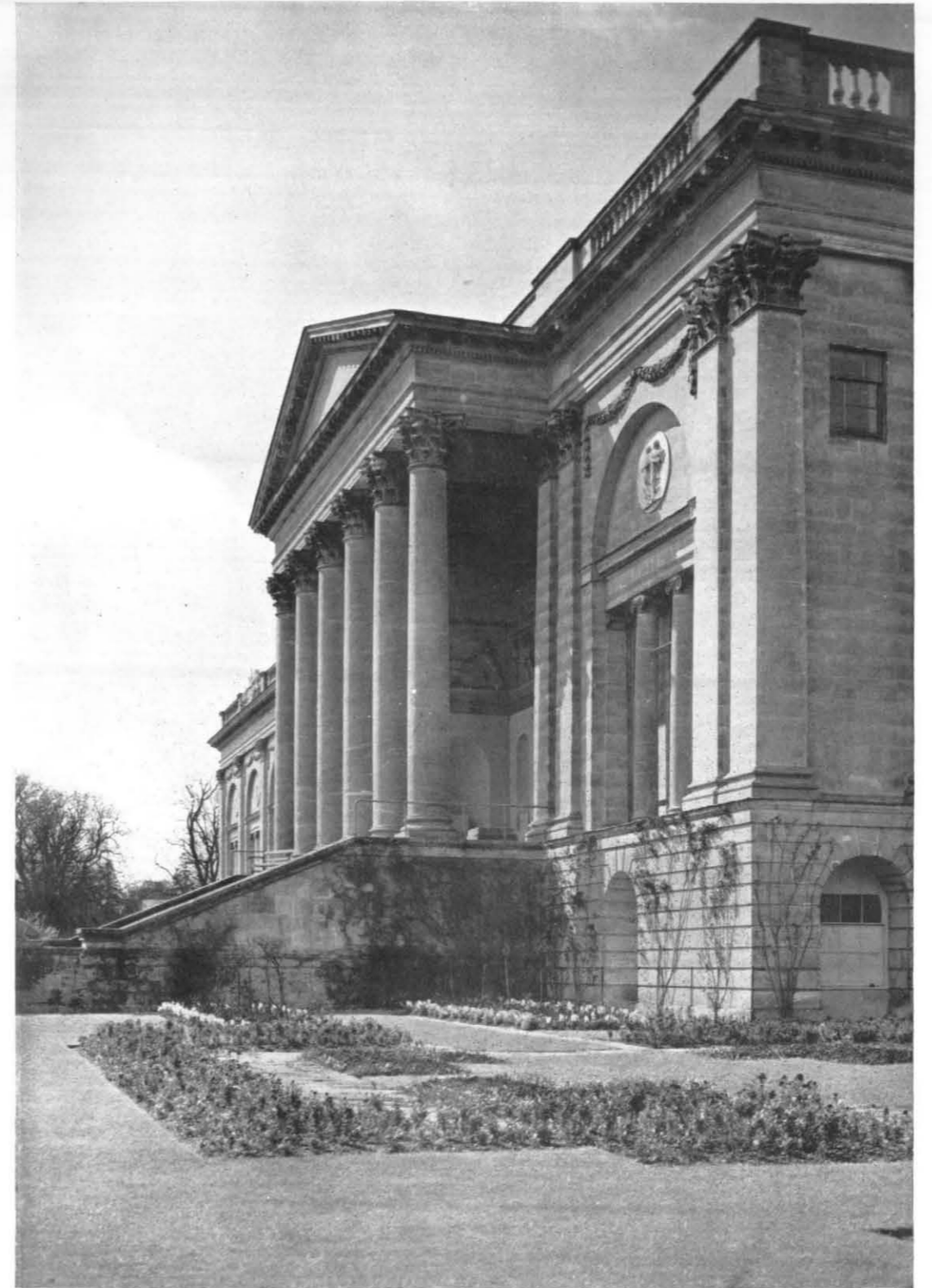


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- 31-35. (a) Who was the thirteenth Apostle? (b) Who was the first Christian Martyr? (c) Which was the second plague of Egypt? (d) Who was the first Bishop of Rome? (e) To what island was the writer of the Fourth Gospel exiled?
36. Give the surname of the architect who designed the Chapel at Stowe.
37. Madame Curie was by birth of the same nationality as one of the following:—Ibsen, President Roosevelt, Paderewski, Charles Parnell, Pasteur. Which?
38. On which one of the following grounds has the highest individual Test Match innings been played:—Lord's, Melbourne, Sydney, Trent Bridge, Oval, Johannesburg?
- 39-41. In each of the following groups there is one inappropriate item. Name it. (a) Felloe, hub, axil, spoke, lynch-pin, tyre, rim. (b) Beans, oats, turnips, lucerne, wheat, sainfoin, peas. (c) Rhode Island Red, Plymouth Rock, White Leghorn, Red Devon, Houdan, Wyandotte, Silver Campine.
42. On what date in each year is the sun highest above the horizon of an observer at Stowe?
43. In the science of 'perspective' would you refer to:—(a) needlepoint; (b) silly point; (c) counterpoint; (d) vanishing point; (e) boiling point; (f) dry-point; (g) centre point. Which?
44. Which of the following has won the Grand National:—Battleship, Blue Peter, Tideway, Blue Ensign, Admiral Drake?
45. As the Transvaal is to gold, so is South Georgia to one of the following:—peaches, whale-oil, cotton, kerosene, bananas. Which?
- 46-47. Christabel, Coningsby, St. Ives, The Eve of St. Agnes, Crotchet Castle, St. Ronan's Well, The Hind and the Panther, Locksley Hall, Pendennis. Which one of these works do you associate with:—(a) R. L. Stevenson? (b) Sir W. Scott?
48. A parcel measuring 5 feet 11½ inches (combined length and girth) and weighing sixteen pounds was handed in to a Post Office. It was rejected. On account of size or weight or both? Which?
49. Which one of the following songs originates in Australia:—Tom Bowling, The Emigrant's Farewell, The Last Round-up, Waltzing Matilda, Lullibullero?
50. Which one of the following was a noted surgeon:—Faraday, Hooker, Kelvin, Lister, Lyell?
51. To lead a pig you catch hold of it by:—The hock? The tail? The ear? The snout? Which?
52. The music selected for the School to proceed from Chapel to Shelters is (a) A march; (b) A waltz; (c) A minuet; (d) A jig. Which?
53. The rear wheel of a lorry grazed the wing of a car. The drivers stopped, found the only damage to be a scratch on the wing, and after exchanging names and addresses drove away. They heard nothing more of the incident. Had they done all the law required of them?
- 54-56. Which three of the following are nicknames of aeroplanes:—Flying Scotsman, Flying Buttress, Flying Suitcase, Flying Fortress, Flying Trapeze, Flying Start, Fliegende Holländer, Fliegendes Stachelschwein?
- 57-59. A *squab* is (a) a mop; (b) a cuttlefish; (c) a tiff; (d) a gourd; (e) a young pigeon; (f) a black-leg. Which? A *cachet* is (a) a lozenge; (b) a hiding place; (c) a distinguishing mark; (d) a dance; (e) a small coin. Which? A *solitaire* is (a) a sun-parlour; (b) an aquatic bird; (c) a tip; (d) a single gem; (e) a monologue. Which?
60. Which one of the following swam the Dardanelles:—Capt. Webb, Lord Byron, N. Wainwright, T. S. Eliot, Lord Palmerston?
- 61-63. Who is referred to in the words underlined? (a) 'I wish he would bite some of my other generals.' (b) 'I'm going into action.' (c) 'C'est moi; ici en Angleterre j'entreprends l'action nationale.'
- 64-66. In the following lists write down the name of the thing which differs most from the others in the same list. (a) Helium, Oxygen, Nitrogen, Air. (b) Petrol, Ether, Benzene, Water. (c) Mars, Earth, Sirius, Saturn.
67. What was the Christian name of the man from whom Walpole House, Stowe, was named?

68. Which one of the following should not be applied to a scalded limb :—Soap, picric acid, linseed oil, an infusion of tea ?
69. Jack Hulbert has appeared on the screen with one of the following : Greta Garbo, Elizabeth Bergner, Cicely Courtneidge, Deanna Durbin, Mae West. Which ?
70. A dentist can give a local anaesthetic by using one of the following :—nitrous oxide, methane, tri-nitro-toluene, novocaine, dulcitone. Which ?
71. Name the family which in one generation has produced a conductor, two harpists and an oboist.
72. Arrange chronologically in the Calendar year :—Candlemas, Michaelmas, Lammas, Lady Day.
73. Which one of the following do you associate with the discovery of insulin :—Sir Ronald Ross, Sir James Jeans, Sir Patrick Laidlaw, Sir Frederick Banting, Sir Arthur Eddington ?
- 74-77. Who said ? (a) 'And if this be the end of your sitting and this be your carriage, I think it high time an end be put to your sitting.' (b) 'So with our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause . . . ' (c) 'I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a King.' (d) 'Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few.'
78. In the present Cabinet there are two commoners with the same surname. What is it ?
79. From what country is most nickel exported ?
- 80-81. Which one of the following generals, Antony, Belisarius, Hannibal, Miltiades, Scipio and Themistocles do you associate with the battle of :—(a) Salamis ? (b) Actium ?
82. Which one of the following holds the record for the Diamond Sculls :—C. A. J. Emery, J. Davis, J. Burke, D. Budge, J. Owens ?
83. The troika is a vehicle native to the country of one of the following—Gandhi, Pavlov, Chiang Kai-Shek, Kemal Ataturk, Haile Selassie. Which ?
84. Mozart wrote one of the following symphonies :—(a) Eroica ; (b) Jupiter ; (c) Pastoral ; (d) Drum-Roll ; (e) Choral. Which ?
85. What creature is used as a heraldic device by the town of Buckingham ?
86. Which one of the following won the Amateur Golf Championship in 1939 :—G. Pope, R. Burton, B. Carslake, A. Kyle, A. B. Porter ?
87. "A Tall Ship" was written by :—Taffrail ? W. W. Jacobs ? Bartimeus ? Joseph Conrad ? Which ?
- 88-89. Viviparous, aquatic, extinct, a mammal, sessile, amoeboid :—Which two of these terms, if applied to man, has a biologically correct use ?
- 90-92. Giotto, Le Corbusier, Leonardo da Vinci, Whistler, Michael Angelo, Paolo Uccello, Bellini—which one of these :—(a) Got a stiff neck painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel ? (b) Was accused of 'flinging a pot of paint in the public's face' ? . . . (c) Wrote 'The House, a Machine for living in' ?
93. One of the following liquids has a smell like that of almonds :—acetic acid, ammonia, prussic acid, carbolic acid. Which ?
94. A man has to deliver £1662 in Bank of England notes. What is the smallest number of notes he can use ?
95. For what campaign were the flags in the Chapel at Stowe dedicated ?
- 96-97. What surname do you associate with each of the following groups ? (a) A novelist, a flag-captain, a naval destroyer, a firm of bootmakers. (b) A dance, an architect, a playwright, a London shop.
98. Tithes, asphalt products, lighthouses, ocean cables, ecclesiastical music :—Which one of these is under the control of Trinity House ?
99. Two of the following plays have the same author :—The Light of Heart, Dear Octopus, Cornelius, The Corn is Green, Rebecca. Give the author's surname.
100. Mozart was a contemporary of one of the following :—Dean Swift, Sir Humphry Davy, Molière, Sir Isaac Newton, Pepys. Which ?

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1. Alexander. 2. Napoleon. 3. Richard III (Crookback). 4. Dog Licence. 5. Popoff. 6. Box. 7. Hänsel. 8. Tristan. 9. Fred Astaire. 10. Radclive. 11. Darwin. 12. Galileo. 13. Rutherford. 14. Clio. 15. Beggar's Opera. 16. Ben Nevis. 17. Holman Hunt. 18. Woodpecker. 19. Whitley. 20. Heinkel 111.
21. 1/2. 22. Parliament. 23. Friars. 24. The Londonderry Air. 25. Mendel. 26. Darwin. 27. Harvey. 28. $\frac{1}{2}$ ($3 \times 1001 = 3000 + 13 + 12 + 5 + 16 + 7 - x$ times 100). 29. Watson. 30. Milton. 31. Matthias. 32. Stephen. 33. Frogs. 34. St. Peter. 35. Patmos. 36. Lorimer. 37. Paderewski. 38. Oval. 39. Axil. 40. Turnips. 41. Red Devon.
42. June 21st. 43. Vanishing point. 44. Battleship. 45. Whale Oil. 46. St. Ives. 47. St. Ronan's Well. 48. Weight. 49. Waltzing Matilda. 50. Lister. 51. Tail. 52. March. 53. No. 54. Flying Suitcase. 55. Flying Fortress. 56. Fliegendes Stachelschwein. 57. A Young Pigeon. 58. A distinguishing mark. 59. A single gem. 60. Byron.
61. Wolfe. 62. Warburton-Lee. 63. de Gaulle. 64. Air. 65. Water. 66. Sirius. 67. Horace. 68. Linseed Oil. 69. Cicely Courtneidge. 70. Novocaine. 71. Goossens. 72. Candlemas, Lady-Day, Lammas, Michaelmas. 73. Banting. 74. Cromwell. 75. Haig. 76. Queen Elizabeth. 77. Winston Churchill. 78. Morrison. 79. Canada. 80. Themistocles. 81. Antony.
82. Burke. 83. Pavlov. 84. Jupiter. 85. Swan. 86. Kyle. 87. Bartimeus. 88. Viviparous. 89. Mammal. 90. Michael Angelo. 91. Whistler. 92. Le Corbusier. 93. Prussic Acid. 94. Seven. 95. Waterloo. 96. Hardy. 97. Jones. 98. Lighthouses. 99. Williams. 100. Davy.

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